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IN
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To all Sister Churches, Greeting:

Be it known that our dearly beloved Brother

Kirby Page

is approved among us as a consecrated Christian worker, and is hereby authorized to use his talent in the discharge of all the duties of a faithful minister of the Gospel.

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Chas. O. McClung Minister.

Done by Order of the Board of Elders and Congregation of University Place Church of Christ, Des Moines, Iowa, this 1st day of Dec. 1913

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Mother Dear:

I am keeping busy and yet there is not very much news to write. It is the same old story of Y M C A, Quax, preaching and study. I am sleeping lots each night, even if something has to be left undone. I am playing Class Basket Ball for exercise. Was elected Captain of the Junior team.

It is not quite three weeks now until I will meet Alma in Kansas City. We are expecting to have a very pleasant and profitable time of it.

I often wonder how the new house is progressing. Don't overdo yourself in your anxiety to get it finished.

With love to you both, I am

your big boy

Kirby

home. This ought to be a very happy and profitable Holiday season for us.

I am sending a little token of love to you both. I hope you will enjoy it.

With all kinds of love and Christmas cheer, I am

Your same old boy

Kirby

Dec 20 1913

Mother Dear:-

Merry Christmas to you both. I am hoping that you will have a very happy time together.

I am planning to be at Monteith most of the first week of vacation and to be at Kansas City the second week. Mr Scott is going to be there and I am looking forward to seeing him. Alma and I are expecting to have a great time together. She will be at home the first week and I have no doubt she will enjoy her stay at

T. C. U.
Ft. Worth, Texas.
December 30, 1913.

Dear Mrs. Murray:

I haven't really altogether forgotten you, and intended writing you from Houston, but was going so much all the time I was down there that I didn't know half the time whether I was coming or going.

Am leaving here at noon today for Kansas City to attend the convention, and suppose I shall see our boy tomorrow morning some time, and if I don't freeze to death while up there will have a dandy good time.

I trust you and Mr. Murray are enjoying yourselves, but suppose you have to stay indoors most of the time.

Houston is somewhat the same old place, but has grown some even since last September and is still growing.

With love, I am,

Yours,

Alma.

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Monteith - Christmas Night - '13

Mother of Mine:-

I have been thinking of you and Mr. Murry yesterday and today and have been hoping that you are having a good Christmas time. I have had a great week of it. Sunday morning - a girl made the confession - Monday, I attended a birthday dinner in honor of one of the old men here; he was eighty years old on that date - Tuesday, I performed my first wedding ceremony. I got thru with my part all O.K. I enjoyed myself greatly at the dinner afterward and incidentally received $5.00 for my trouble. You may wonder how I am able to perform marriage ceremonies. It is because I am a licensed minister. All I had to do was to make application to the University Church

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and they fixed it up for me. About the only advantage is in the case of weddings and funerals. I feel that I am making some progress in my preaching work. I feel that I am doing the people out here some good. I have been here just a year. During that time 35 people have united with the church, 24 of whom I baptized and there are four others yet to be baptized. The church as a whole is in a great deal better condition than it was. In addition to the regular current expenses we have bought and paid for a 200.00 piano. We are now figuring on an addition to the church building. I have contracted with them for another year at $12.50 per Sunday.

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yesterday I attended a Christmas program at the church. We had a house full with many standing. Today I had a great Christmas dinner. Saturday afternoon we have baptismal services.

I am eagerly looking forward to seeing Alma at Kansas City next week. We are expecting to have a great time together. The convention should mean a great deal to us.

I am praying for you and my mury daily. I love you and hope you are happy. Good night and Merry Christmas & Happy New year.

yours lovingly
Kirby.

P.S. I find that I failed to mail the book the other day, but am doing so today. I hope you will enjoy it.

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P.O. DRAWER M
HOUSTON, TEXAS.

May 20, 1913.
9 a.m.

My dear Wyatt:

I am enclosing to you a copy of a letter I have written to Supt. Horn, whom I suppose is the one I should address, in regards to getting my grades made while at the Houston High.

Would you be good enough to see that I get them, if it is in your power? I will certainly esteem it a great favor.

With best regards to Alma and yourself, I am,

Yours truly,

Alma

After considerable pushing on the dashboard, I have been assured that they have been sent to you. Glad to do it

WMC

CARBON COPY RETAINED

May 19, 1913.
11 am.

Mr. P. W. Horn, Superintendent,
Houston High School,
C i t y.

Dear Sir:

Would you please be good enough to send me the grades that I made during my attendence at the Houston High School, which I think was the two and a half terms prior to and during the fall of 1906.

Thanking you for your prompt attention, I am,

Yours truly,

(Miss)

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October 17, 1913.

Dear Kirby:

On returning to the office I found your kind letter of October 9th awaiting me. You fellows are sure putting up a battle that is well nigh irresistable. I have just written Aldrich asking him to go over thoroughly with you and the men there the whole situation, and if in your judgment you feel that the necessary preparation can be made and cooperation given, I shall be glad to serve you as you suggest. I think, however, that it would be a good deal better to concentrate your effort from a Wednesday over Sunday, or not that long a time, rather than to have the meetings extend for a long time. It is not possible to get the concentrated effort of students for a long period, but you can get the united thought for such a time as suggested.

Assuring you that I appreciate tremendously the spirit which you men are showing in your whole work, I am,

As ever, yours,

A. J. Elliott.

Mr. Kirby Page,
University Station,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Oct, 11, snowing again to day. no hog killing for us.

1913

Logan. Okla, Jan 10,

Dear Kirby, I recieved a letter from Alma, Seak, & yourself, to-day; all the good new at once now I would get much for a week; Seak has said once or twice that he was afraid you were getting a little puffed up over your many successes, & didnt want to take advice from him, or read what he suggested, but I told him no, that you were just like you always had been, & loved him just as well; & didnt think yourself a bit better than he was, if you were getting a College education; & want you to be kind & patient with him; I told him I wanted us all to be friends; & if I had made a mistake I wanted to make amends as much as lay in my power I cannot afford to hold bitterness in my heart any longer, my spirit has been thoroughly broken; I have at last given up all strife against this world, & now I want to live in peace, & make as many people happy as I can, what time I have left.

the cold spell as about over for this time, snow melting fast; yes I feel the cold severely; but I don't get out of the house much when it is bad, Mary does every

thing nearly, except the milking, puts the cow in the barn & fixes the feed; I look like Santa Claus when I go out two pairs of overshoes, & leggings; beside my house shoes & all the coats & ~~shawls~~ shawls I can wear & tie on, wear a pair of thick gloves every thing I do out doors. Mr Murry is so afraid I will get sick; he builds a fire before I get up, & say you ought to see us, we never get up now until late, & then milk & feed before breakfast; we eat that about nine, & then dinner at four, no supper, just an apple, or piece of pie & milk, the days never seemed so short to me before. & I have had no cold to speak of yet. Ben the Dutchman is coming to help kill a hog to-morrow, & he is getting books to read too, took Waverly, & that Printer of Udells to-day;

say, I will have to break the news gently to you, about how you are to ever get here to see me, its clear out of the world almost; did I tell you its forty five miles to Glazier; you would come to Sage, & from there take the mail hack to Logan; nearly forty miles, & we would meet you there, its twelve miles from here, I believe the fare on the mail hack is two dollars, & it takes all day, so you see what is ahead of you, & you can be thinking about it; but I shall look for you. No word from Perry: I do think your trip a profitable one, say a word of thanks to Geak some times. I love you, Mother,

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March 20 1913

My dearest mother:-

We are to have four days Easter vacation beginning today. I am hoping to catch up with some of my work during this time.

Wm Jennings Bryan spoke here at the University today and I had a short conference with him in regard to appearing on our lecture course next year. I really believe we are going to have a successful YMCA here another year. We are already laying our plans. The ten days at Geneva ought to help us a lot.

We had more snow last night but it is not very cold. I suppose you are beginning to have Spring already. I wonder if you have forgotten how to garden. I'll bet you are out of practice it has been so long since you have done any. Wouldn't I be a pretty

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looking sight arrayed in overalls and jumper out in the cotton field! It would probably do me a lot of good, but my how it would hurt my feelings to have to get down to real work again. It has been so long since I have done any hard work that I am too lazy for any use. You must have a lot of hens to save up forty seven dozen eggs. What do you get for them? and so you have some little pigs and a little calf. I can imagine that you are very glad to be supplied with plenty of fresh milk. I am glad that you are feeling better and hope that you won't be down again. I was greatly pleased to hear that you had written Alma. You two are dearest to me and I want you to come to know each other better.

With love to you both, I am
your old boy
Kirby

Pasadena, California, March 26, 1913.

Dear Kirby:-

Your fine letter just received and I must answer at once. I am glad that you have finally expressed yourself on this most vital topic and I shall give you more of my side. Understand me please; I do not seek to force my views on you but merely submit for your careful and prayerful investigation. I take it you are willing to look into the matter earnestly and thoughtfully. Ask the guidance and illumination of the Holy Spirit and it will come.

The first declaration I have is to call your attention to the fact that there are two classes of people in this world at present; the righteous and the wicked. The Church, to which we belong, is in the world but is not of the world. In the last chapter of Daniel it is stated that (concerning the time of the end) the wicked shall not understand but the righteous shall. I belong to the righteous and accept the promise that it is possible for me to discern the time, by hard study and divine leading. How about you? Wicked shall not; righteous shall. I am glad to see you are able to quote the Word of God to support your opinion and I ask the privilege in return. I accept the result as final, if Bible view. The time does come on the world as a thief in the night but here I take the world to be the wicked, not the righteous. In Thess. a verse states that the righteous shall not be unprepared but the wicked shall. As it was in the days of Noah so shall it be when the Lord cometh; the world did not know the flood was coming, only righteous Noah and his family. The others had the same chance to know and prepare as did Noah but were too busy eating and drinking and marrying, etc. There never had been a flood before, not even rain on the earth up to the time of the flood, and they said it was preposterous. SO SHALL IT BE WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES. THEY HAD GOD'S WORD ABOUT THE MATTER BUT BELIEVED IT NOT. We have just as much chance, and even a great deal more. As it was in the days ot Lot, so shall it be again. I will give you a verse that usually is quoted to support your views. (I believe you are quoting the opinions of your college professors or some friends, without having gone into the matter deeply for yourself.) No man knoweth the day nor the hour of the Coming, save the Father in Heaven. Yet, in the face of this verse I say that the Lord will come in 1915. I do not intend to contradict the Bible either, for it is final. Notice: the verse says no man knows the day nor the hour, I believe that but,- it does not say we are not to know the year. There are six or eight different lines of prophecies that all point to 1915. I am in earnest! The first I shall give you is the resurrection line, ending in 1915. It is found in the next to the last chapter of Daniel. From the taking away of the continual and the setting up instead thereof of the abomination that maketh desolate there shall be 1290 days. But blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the end of the 1335 days. Ezek. 4:6 states that a day equals a year. That would make these read 1290 years and 1335 years. The taking away of the continual, or daily sacrifice, was accomplished in the year 580 when Gregory the Great established the temporal power of the pope of Rome. The Scripture states that this shall continue for 1290 years. What, shall continue? the temporal power of the

popes. If it commenced in 580 and was to run 1290 years when should the end of this temporal power be? Add the two and it gives 1870. What did happen in 1870. In the fall of 1870 our histories tell us that Italy's separation of church and state took place; and Italy was the last to do this. The edict stated that the temporal power of the pope was abolished and should remain so. Did it? The pope has been a prisoner in the Vatican ever since and has exercised only ecclesiastical authority over his subjects. This is a wonderful fulfilment of prophecy is it not? But this is only considering two thirds of the prophecy. Blessed is he that waits 45 years longer than this. Add 45 years (obtained by subtracting 1290 from 1335) to 1870 and it gives 1915. The first verse of the last chapter of Daniel states that then the resurrection of the dead (this occurs at the coming of the Lord)then takes place. If the first two parts of the prophecy have been fulfilled, I have nothing else I can do but expect confidently that the third part will be. The flower fadeth and the grass withers but the Word of God abides forever. Who is God that He shall lie? He is not man. Heaven and earth may pass away but My words shall not pass away. God isn't slack concerning His promises.

The record states that Jerusalem shall be trodden under foot of the Gentiles until 7 times shall be fulfilled. We know that we are living in the time of the Gentiles, the Gospel age. When did it begin and how long shall it continue. Jesus stated to his audience on one occasion that certain things should be until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled. A time, according to sacred and Jewish chronology is 360 years. Then 7 times would be 7x360= 2520 years, for the Gentile rule. The Gentile rule commenced with the overthrow of the temple and Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar in 606 B.C. I find that figuring this out would place the end of the time of the Gentiles in 1915. Take 1915 and add 606, as one is A.D. and one B.C., and it gives 2520 years; subtract 1 year for crossing the A.D-B.C. line and you have 2520 years (7 times) the time prophesied for the time of the Gentiles. There have been 4 universal empires, Babylon, Medo-Persian, Grecian, Roman and the fifth will be the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ set up on this earth. It shall break in pieces the kingdoms of this earth and it shall never be destroyed. Read 2d and 7th chapters of Daniel. Napoleon tried hard to establish a fifth universal empire, had the energy, ambition, ability as much as did former generals who succeeded , but why was he not successful. Simply because the Word of God was against him and the time for the establishment of the fifth empire was not ripe. Christ's kingdom will be the fifth.

God created the earth and things in it in six days and rested on the seventh. The thiggs of the Old Testament are types and symbols of things to come and all have rich, deep, hidden significance. You will remember that "a day with the Lord is as a 1000 years, and a 1000 years as a day." The Jews and many others have always stated that the earth would stand 6000 years. The 6000 years correspond to the 6 days of creation and as God rested on the seventh so shall the earth rest on the seventh (1000 year) day. Christ's coming ushers in what we call the Millenium, which is a 1000 years. During the 6 days of 1000 years each this earth has a labor and stress period, man is given a chance to work out his ways and prove them a failure, see his need of a redeemer, but the rest day will come, of 1000 years. You reaall there is a verse in Hebrews that states we shall enter into the rest of God. There remaineth a rest for the children, etc. This period satisfies me as to the fulfilment. There have been four dispensa-

tions since this world began, as follows: The first was the Antideluvian age, from Creation to the Flood, 1656 years. The second was the patriarchal age, from the flood to the exodus, 844 years. The third was the Mosaic age, from the exodus to the death of Christ on the cross (He nailed the law to the cross), 1615 years. The fourth is the gospel age, beginning at the death of Christ on the cross and ending when? Let us see. (First though let me state that while we live in both the Gentile age and the Gospel age, they did not commence at the same time. Simply are contemporary and run parallel.) The first three covered 1656 yrs

If total time to endure was 6000 yrs		844
And three dispensations ran	4115	1615
This leaves for the fourth,	1885 yrs	4115

The gospel age commenced with the death of Christ on the cross in A.D. 30. According to above it is to run 1885 years. To find the end add 1885 to 30 and you have 1915 again. This ushers in the coming of Christ, the resurrection of the righteous dead, (but the rest of the dead lived not again until the 1000 years are ended, found in Revelation) the setting up of the kingdom that shall never be destroyed or ended, the rest period.

Don't you pray "Thy kingdom, come thy will be done?" Would it not be foolish to pray for something we do not believe in? The kingdom has not yet been established neither is God's will done in the earth today. Satan is the god of this age, the prince of the power of the air, and man has his will and does Satan's bidding largely at present. The Church was established on the day of Pentecost but the kingdom will not be until Christ comes to establish it.

I must not worry you with more this time however but I hope you will look into this, which is but the beginning of many things I may say unto you, in love and Christian charity and brotherly kindness. O Kirby you uttered more truth than you dreamed of when you wrote that I was quite a student now. Why Norma and I do nothing else but dig, and dig, and teach, and listen to others about the deep things of God. We have not a day or hour for anything but to find out the will of the Father and to seek to do our part. I am satisfied that your college education will scarcely be over with when He comes. "Then we which are alive shall be caught up together with them (The dead in Christ rise first) to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Why man this is the hope of the Church. There can be no resurrection of the dead until He comes. Paul says if there be no resurrection of the dead, our faith is vain, and we are of all men most miserable. "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." What words are so helpful to those who suffer, or sorrow, or toil as that the Lord is coming to liberate and put an end to this misery and desolation and degradation. What joy to know that Death is to end and the grave is to be swallowed up in victory through His coming. Let your daily prayer be with us: "Even so Come Lord Jesus." It does change our daily lives in every respect; we are not planning a great life-work future for we know that He is coming soon. Read Matt 24:32-3 I Tim 6:14 1 Thess 4:13-18 1 Thess 5:1-6 The signs are all fulfilled.

We are both well and happy. I love you and shall pray that you may see things as they are, without prejudice. Excuse this 'water-wagon' of a typewriter; second hand 'bum' thing. Please look all this over carefully, preserve, and I will give you other lines just as convincing, or more, in a short time. I should be glad to answer all your questions that may arise from investigation of the above. Write me soon. Lovingly,

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JESUS WILL COME AGAIN IN 1915

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It is found in the last chapter of Daniel that from the taking away of the continual and the setting up instead thereof of the abomination that maketh desolate there shall be 1290 days. But blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the end of the 1335 days. Ezek. 4:6 states that a day equals a year. That would make these read 1290 years and 1335 years. The taking away of the continual, or daily sacrifice, was accomplished in the year 580 when Gregory the Great established the temporal power of the pope of Rome. The Scripture states that this shall continue for 1290 years. What shall continue? The temporal power of the popes. If it commenced in 580 and was to run 1290 years, when should the end of this temporal power be? Add the two and it gives 1870. What did happen in 1870. In the fall of 1870 our histories tell us that Italy's separation of church and state took place; and Italy was the last to do this. The edict stated that the

temporal power of the pope was abolished and should remain so. Did it? The pope has been a prisoner in the Vatican ever since and has exercised only ecclesiastical authority over his subjects. This is a wonderful fulfillment of prophecy, is it not? But this is only considering two thirds of the prophecy. Blessed is he that wits 45 years longer than this. Add 45 years (obtained by subtracting 1290 from 1335) to 1870 and it gives 1915. The first verse of the last chapter of Daniel states that then the resurrection of the dead (this occurs at the coming of the Lord) then takes place. If the first two parts of the prophecy have been fulfilled, I have nothing I can do but expect confidently that the third part will also be. The flower fadeth and the grass withers, but the Word of God abides forever. Who is God that He shall lie? He is not man. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away. God is not slack concerning His promises.

The record states that Jerusalem shall be trodden under foot of the Gentiles until 7 times shall be fulfilled. We know that we are living in the time of the Gentiles, the Gospel age. When did it begin and how long shall it continue. Jesus stated to his audience on one occasion that certain things should be until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled. A time, according to sacred and Jewish chronology is 360 years. Then 7 times would be 2520 years, for the Gentile rule. The Gentile rule commenced with the overthrow of the temple and Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar in 606 B C. I find that figuring this out would place the end of the time of the Gentiles in 1915. Take 1915 and add 606, as one is A D and one B C, and it gives 2521 years; subtract one year for crossing the A D - B C line and you have 2520 years (7 times) the time prophesied for the time of the Gentiles. There have been four universal empires, Babylon, Medo-Persian, Grecian, Roman and the fifth will be the kingdom of our Lord Jesus set up on this earth. It shall break in pieces the kingdoms of this earth and it shall never be destroyed. Read 2nd and 7th chapters of Daniel. Napoleon tried hard to establish a fifth universl empire, had the energy, ambition and as much ability as did former generals who succeeded, but why was he not successful. Simply because the Word of God was against him and the time for the establishment of the fifth empire was not ripe. Christ's kingdom will be the fifth.

God created the earth and things in it in six days and rested on the seventh. The things of the Old Testament are types and symbols of things to come and all have rich, deep hidden significance. You will remember that "a day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day." The Jews and many others have always stated that the earth would stand 6000 years. The 6000 years corresponds to the six days of creation and as God rested on the seventh, so shall the earth rest on the seventh (1000 year) day. Christ's coming ushers in what we call the Millenium, which is a 1000 years. During

the 6 days of 1000 years each this earth has a labor and stress period, man is given a chance to work out his ways and prove them a failure, see his need of a redeemer, but the rest day will come, of 1000 years. You recall there is a verse in Hebrews that states we shall enter into the rest of God. There remaineth a rest for the children, etc. This period satisfies me as to the fulfillment. There have been four dispensations since the world began as follows: The first was the Antideluvian age, from Creation to the Flood, 1656 years. The second was the patriarchal age, from the flood to the exodus, 844 years. The third was the Mosaic age, from the ecodus to the death of Christ on the cross (He nailed the law to the cross), 1615 years. The fourst is the gospel age, beginning at the death of Christ on the cross and ending when? Let us see. (First though, let me state that while we live in both the Gentile age and the Gospel age, they did not commence at the same time - simply are contemporary and run parallel) The first three covered 1656

844
1615
4115

If total time to endure was 6000 years
and three dispensations ran 4115 years
This leaves for the fourth 1885 years.

The Gospel age commenced with the death of Christ on the cross in A D 30. According to above it is to run 1885 years. To find the end add 1885 to 30 and you have 1915 again. This ushers in the coming of Christ, the resurrection of the righteous dead (but the rest of the dead live not again until the 1000 years are ended, found in Revelation) the setting up of the kingdom that shall neve be destroyed or ended, the rest period.

Don't you pray, "Thy kingdom come, they will be done?" Would it not be foolish to pray for something we do not believe in? The kingdom has not yet been established, neither is God's will done in the earth today. Satan is the god of this age, the prince of the power of the air and man has his will and does Satan's bidding largely at present. The Church was established on the day of Pnetecost, but the kingdom will not be until Christ comes to establish it.

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March 28 1913

My dear Mother:-

I have heard nothing further the last few days but suppose Mr Murry got back all right and that you are not so lonesome now. Are you gardening any yet? We are having some good weather again and hope Spring is here.

I am going to Ames tonight to a conference of Y M C A presidents. All of these conferences that I am attending ought to be worth something to me in more ways than one. I am sending you under separate cover a copy of todays Delphic - a special YMCA number.

I am feeling fine and dandy all of the time. I am anxious for summer to come.

With love to you both I am

Your lovingly

Kirby

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March 31 1913

My dear Mother:-

I had a great time at the Ymca Conference at Ames. I got a lot of valuable suggestions for our work here. The prospects for our work next year are some brighter and we hope to do a good work.

The Church at Monteith finally decided what they are going to do for next year. They made me a proposition of $12.50 per Sunday and I have accepted. There is another church about three miles away that may want preaching on Sunday afternoon and if they do I will get $3.00 a Sunday for that. At any rate I will make enough out of Monteith to keep me nicely. I have gotten to the point where I can make a fairly decent talk now and hope to do some good out there. I am wondering if you

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would like to hear me talk when I visit you this summer. If you would and can arrange it I would be glad to do my best. Understand, I am not at all anxious to do so, but thought possibly you might like to hear me.

You surely ought to have lots of peaches from 50 trees. Are you planning to put up a lot of them? I am glad that you are both feeling better now. I had a good long letter from Leak today. Has he written you about his ideas in regard to the second coming of Christ? I am not sure that I agree with his idea of the time. I am striving to do what is right and am not worrying about the future life.

With love I am

Yours affectionately

Kirby

April 19 1913

My dear Mother:-

Today is the day of the big Drake Relay meet. 256 athletes from 36 schools from 8 states will compete. It is the biggest event of its kind in the west.

I had a talk with Mr Fellingham of the Y M C A here and it now looks as though I will be able to get in here this summer.

As to salary I do not know what I will get - certainly not less than $75.00. This with the 40.00 clear from Monteith will fix me up in good shape. I can not tell yet when I will come south. It may be better to wait until the end of the summer. I'll write as soon as I find out anything definite. The experience in another association will be valuable to me. I surely ought to land a good place when I am thru school.

So the people there do not care much for Progressives. I do not believe some things that I once did and am more liberal, but I find my new ideas more practical and I have greater faith than ever and a greater desire to be of service.

After 1915 Leak will change his mind - if he does not before.

as soon as I can find a few moments I am going to show him the weakness of his position as I see it. There is absolutely nothing to it.

I am feeling fine and dandy and am anxious for summer to come. I love you, mother dear.

Your boy

Kirby

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April 29 1913

My dear mother:-

I had a letter yesterday from the Houston association offering me a place during the summer at $85.00 per month. However, I can hardly accept it on account of having to be in Monteith on Sundays during the summer. I also have word from the Association here that they can use me, but can hardly afford to pay what I am worth. However, I can afford to work for less here, on account of the $40.00 from Monteith, as I could do both. I rather think I will accept it and run down to see you and Alma late in the summer.

I had a couple of good visits with Mrs Allen. They live close to

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Leak and speak in very high terms of him and Norma. She left today with the body for Pasadena.

Everything is about the same with me. am rushed as usual but am well and enjoying life. Give my love to Mr Murry and remember that I love you as ever and am praying for us all.

your boy

Kirby

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DES MOINES, IOWA.

May 9 1913

Mother dear:-

Your good letter came today and it did me a lot of good to note the cheerfulness of it. I am glad things are well with you. I am looking forward with eagerness to the time when I can be with you again and I do hope that you can arrange to have Alma at the same time. I can think of nothing that would give me more pleasure than for us all to be there together. You need not worry about not having a large new house - we don't care to see the house, we want to see you. I am sure Alma would be glad to come and would greatly enjoy herself. I hope you will write and ask her. My but wouldn't we be happy together!

I note with interest what you say about Perry. He must be having a great old time of it and ought to be a better man because of it.

I was wondering whether or not you were finding time to practice any. I'll bet you are getting to play real well. Alma has been taking lessons all year and is beginning to play some.

I rather think I will accept the offer of the ~~Des~~ Moines association at $65.00 per. This with the $40.00 from Monteith will give $105.00 per.

Will write more soon. With love to you both I am

Yours lovingly

Kirby

May 31, 1913.

My dear Kirby:

I am having to work some these days and it goes against the grain. I told you I was a good-for-nothing. I am getting so lazy and fat that you won't want me any more when you see,me, especially on account of my additional averdupois. Mother quarrels every time she fastens any of my dresses because I am getting so big I can't get into them comfortably. Isn't that awful.

Say, what do you think, Jimmie D. ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ told me he would guarantee me at least a hundred if I would stay next year. He is beginning to realize the work I can do. Notice the underscore. I didn't can do but just can do.

My chickens are just dying right and left and I don't know what is the matter. Hope they will do some better now, unlessthey all smother to death. It is getting rather warm, but the nights are still cool enough to live, at least.

Yours, with lots of love,

May 21 1913

My dear mother:

Fannon, one of our club men, and I leave at noon to represent Drake in the Missouri Valley Tennis Tournament to be held at Lawrence, Kansas. The competition is so keen that we probably won't make a showing, but we will do our best and the experience will help us.

I am enclosing herewith a recent letter from Perry. He seems to getting along all OK.

Only one more week before exams and I have loads of work to do.

With love

I am

your boy

Kirby

Thirtieth Season

The Lake Geneva Encampment
of The Institute and Training School of Young Men's Christian Associations

P. O., Williams Bay, Wis. June 19 1913

Alma Dearest:-

and still the good work goes on. I have never heard so many great addresses and have never been quite so full of enthusiasm as I am now. I am looking forward with a great deal of interest to the work of the association at Drake next year. If we don't make some of them up around there, I will miss my guess.

I have had conferences with several of the big men here. Mr. Carter, national Secretary of the Y M C A of India, said he could give me a position as his private Secretary if I would go to India for two years. Of course, I could not accept. I talked with Mr.

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never have I seen so much real consecration and resolution to do things for the Master. We have some big plans outlined and I am hoping and praying that we may realize them.

John Stubbs and I sat on the pier last night and talked until 2 o'clock. He is having a great fight in his life now. He is convinced that he should go to the people across the waters, but has this

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June 30 1913

Mother Dear:-

I just wish you could have seen me after I got thru talking last night. It was rather warm and I was dripping wet with perspiration. I am getting well acquainted out there now and am enjoying my work greatly.

I am taking things rather easy now - doing nothing. I have written Leak and Perry. I surely hope Leak can arrange to be there at the same time I am. Wouldn't we have a great old time together! Unless something comes up I am planning to come about August 20th and stay about a week and then run down and see Alma. I wish I could make it longer, but we can do lots in a week.

With love
your boy Kirby

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Mr. Kirby Page,

Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Kirby:-

We are planning to leave Pasadena on Friday morning, July 11th, at 8 o'clock via the Salt Lake line. We will go to Salt Lake City, thence to Denver, thence to Amarillo, where we will stop-over for a couple of days. We will take a local train from Amarillo to Gage and see Mother for a couple of days: it is about 146 miles. From here we will go to Ft. Worth and then on to Houston. We also expect to see Mr. and Mrs. Watts at Amarillo. I wish it was so that you could be with us at Gage but do not expect that you will be able to arrange it on such short notice. If you come to Houston this summer we can have a good old talk together then. We expect to be at Gage Tuesday and Wednesday, July 15th and 16th.

We thought we would go on the Santa Fe all the way but it is a direct route and Norma wishes to see the northern country so we have arranged the above itinerary. We will land in Houston either Friday or Saturday following.

I received your cards and am waiting for the letter. Hope that all is well with you and that you may have a pleasant vacation period. How did you come out on your tennis trip? And what did the 'exams' yield? I am confident that you enjoyed the Lake Geneva conference and I wish I could have been with you.

I have a letter from Perry stating that he is still aboard the U. S. S. "Saratoga" and at Shanghai. He is doing well and seems quite contented with his lot.

Walter Allen's grandfather died last Sunday at 6 P.M. and was buried Wednesday: heart failure. Allen's are certainly having their trouble in bunches.

Good wishes from both of us and write us at Houston soon.

Lovingly,

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July 4 1913

Mother Dear:-

I am anxiously awaiting news as to whether or not Leak will be able to make the trip. It will be a great deal better for me to come at the time I mentioned before - the week of August 20th - 27th - but if Leak can not get away at that time, I could arrange to come any time. I surely hope he can make it.

Things are about the same with me - am loafing and resting. Feel fine and dandy.

I can hardly wait for the time to come when I can be with you again

Lovingly
Kirby

Menlo Iowa

July 7 1913

Mother Dear:-

I have been having quite a time with trains today. Monteith is on a branch line and today the engine broke down and we had a five hour wait before we could ~~get~~ to the main line. Then I found I had a three hour wait before I could get a train to Des Moines. Think of it - an eight hour wait to go 55 miles. Such is life.

I had a most interesting

time yesterday. I was invited out to dinner and found that a few other guests had been invited – only eleven girls – and I was the only boy in the crowd. Just imagine my feeling if you can. It was a good thing I wasn't very bashful or I would have been done for. Eah – you just ought to have seen me enjoy life. Along in the afternoon they brought out more ice cream and of course I couldn't refuse a second dish.

Then at supper we had more ice cream. After it was all over I began to wonder if they were not trying to fix me so I couldn't talk at night. They made one serious mistake - they underestimated my ability, for I talked for 30 minutes without a pause.

I am adding to the list of my accomplishments every now & then. I am now taking lessons in the manly sport commonly known as "Horse Shoes". The other day I was

inveigled into a game and made such a poor showing against the old timers that everybody laughed at me. I resolved to learn the game and get even with them. So you see I have another ambition and aim in life.

I am getting good and hungry for some of your biscuits. I have been living on light bread and am looking forward to a feast when I am with you.

did I tell you that.
I had another good letter
from Perry. He was still
in Shanghai. It was
the best letter he has ever
written me. I believe he
is rapidly learning his
lesson and will be glad
to settle down when he
comes back. I pray for
him every night.

I haven't had any
further word from Leake
as yet. Hope he gets to
come.

With love to you
both. Your big boy
Kirby

Des Moines
July 8 1913

Mother of Mine :-

I didn't get a chance to mail this until I got back to Des Moines.

I found two letters from Leak awaiting me when I returned. I am very glad he is returning to Houston. I hope you can arrange to meet him in Page. I know you will enjoy seeing him again exceedingly. I am afraid it is too short notice for me to make arrangements to be there at that time. However

I shall see him when I am in Houston.

I am very sorry it will not be possible for us all to be there together, but there is this consolation, you will have one of us with you for just twice as long a time than if we came together. See!

I am anxious to hear how things are coming with you. With love

Yours lovingly

Kirby

P.S. Unless I hear to the contrary I shall write one letter to Gage also one there for Leak.

Des Moines
July 15 - 1913

Mother Dear:

I have been thinking about you and Leah a great deal today. I know you are having a great visit together. I have wished many times that I could be with you.

We are having some hot weather here now. I believe I feel the heat more than I did in Houston. Crop prospects are excellent.

In the first round of the State Tennis Tournament yesterday, greatly to my surprise, I succeeded in

defeating McCague, of Omaha,
4-6-6-4, 6-0. I next play
Beyer of Grinnell. He is
an old timer at the game
and will probably be too
much for me.

Only five weeks now
until I will be home.
I can hardly wait.

With love

Your big boy
Kirby

Des Moines
July 16 1913

Mother Dear:-

So you are going to Amarillo to meet Leak. I know you will enjoy seeing Mrs Watts again. I suppose you will spend a few days there with her. One month from tomorrow until I start south. Time will go quickly now.

I have been playing a lot of tennis this week. Have been more successful than I dreamed I would be. Will meet my Waterloo in the morning when I play

Branson of South Dakota, two year's champion. Will get some good practice out of it, however. Am enclosing some clippings from the daily papers which may be of interest. Am feeling fine & dandy, even tho it is awful hot. I never felt the heat quite so much in Houston.

Good night, mother of mine.

Lovingly

Kirby

Des Moines
July 31 1913

Mother Dear:-

This is Perry's birthday—19 today. It seems to me that he is older than that. He grew up in a hurry.

I had a good letter from Leah a day or so ago. He seems to be glad to get back to Houston again. Oscar will be in N. Y. for some time.

Did I tell you that Alma had decided to go to U of I? Her mother

(over)

Des Moines

July 25 1913

Mother of Mine:-

I received your letter saying you had seen Leah. I was wondering if you made connections all right. I know you must have been glad to see him again. So they are still crazy about each other. I am glad to hear it. If they are happy then we ought to have no kick coming. They will come to their senses along religious lines some of these days. I am

anxious to see Leah and have a good talk with him.

By taking a Homeseekers Ticket I can save a little on my fare. They leave on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, so I am planning to leave here on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 10:30 P.M. I will get into Kansas City at 7:10 A.M. Wednesday. Will leave Kansas City at 9:40 AM and get into Gage at 2:40 A.M. Thursday, Aug. 21st. I am planning to stay with you until

the following Thursday. I wish I could stay longer, but under the circumstances can not be away from Des Moines for very long.

I am getting in first class shape. The rest is doing me good. Time is going quickly and I will soon be with you.

I know you are enjoying Mrs Hatts' visit. Remember me kindly to her and to L. P.

yours with love

Kirby

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Mother dear:-

My plans have changed somewhat. At a meeting of the Church Board at Monteith yesterday, they asked me if I could take my vacation now rather than later as I had planned. It seems better for them and so I told them I could. Rather than to come in on you unexpectedly, I have decided to go to Houston first and visit you on the return trip. I am planning to leave here tomorrow at noon and will arrive in Houston on Thursday, which happens to be my birthday. By doing this I will get to your place about the same time I had planned. Will give exact dates a little later. I thought for a while I would wire you and risk your getting it in time but decided that it might be of considerable inconvenience to you to have me come on such short notice. So I wired Alma tonight that I would be in Houston on Thursday.

Will write again soon. It won't be long now until I see you. With love

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Houston Texas August 14 1913

My dear Mother:-

Alma and I surely are enjoying ourselves these days. We have had some mighty good talks together. She is eagerly looking forward to her school work at T C U/ The change ought to mean a lot to her.

Leak and I have had several good visits together. He is feeling fine and dandy and is pleased with his new work. He and Norma are doing lots of Bible study together.

I am enjoying meeting old friends. I did not realize just how many friends I did have until I got back here. I have been staying with Mr Steele at the Y M C A building. I am to take supper with Mr Wilson tonight.

I am planning to leave here Tuesday night and spend Wednesday with Basil in Fort Worth. I will have to lay over about eight hours in Mulvane and will reach Gage at 2:40 Friday morning.

I am just crazy to see you again and talk things over with you. Good bye until Friday, mother dear.

Lovingly

Kirby

Des Moines

July 11 1913

My dearest Mother:-

I have just received your letter saying you were going to Sage to meet ~~Frank~~. I am so glad you can go. I know it will do you a great deal of good to see him again, as well as for him to be with you again. I only wish I could be there at the same time.

Yes I received your letter at Geneva and appreciated what you said about coming and staying as long as I could. The thing I would like to

have done would have been to spend the entire summer with you and Alma, but this did not seem best under the circumstances. I have an almost ideal place to work at Monteith and it didn't seem wise to give it up. I am getting a great deal of good personally from the work there and feel that by staying here thru the summer I can be more helpful to them later on. I am coming more and more to appreciate the great opportunity, and consequently the great responsibility, of standing before an audience

twice every Sunday and bringing them a message. One can never tell just how much influence one can have over those in the audience, provided, of course, the message is worth while. It makes me mighty sober when I think that the lives of some ~~some~~ people may be entirely changed by what I say or leave unsaid. Pray for me, mother dear.

No mother, I am not discouraged and nothing has gone wrong with me. The only reason why I don't write more is because I am not doing very much now

and have very little to tell.
I thought I would be wise to take advantage of my opportunity and rest up and get in good shape for next year's work. I was thinking the other day that I hadn't had a real rest of any length since we moved to Houston, nearly 7 years ago. Of course, I have been to Geneva and on camps, etc., but always had some responsibility and work. I am resting and loafing to my heart's content now and think I will be in good fighting trim before long. You need not be alarmed —

I have not been sick at all, but have simply been under high tension all year and need a little relaxation.

If you think best to send Perry his watch, let me know and I will send it to you or to him. I can get mine fixed up at a very small cost. The only question in my mind is whether it will be best to send it to him. Do as you think best. I wrote him about two weeks ago and enclosed a dollar with which to buy a small present.

I know you and Leak and Norma will have a great visit together and am awful sorry I can't be there to enjoy it with you. It won't be long now until I can come. I am planning to leave here on Aug. 19th on a homeseekers excursion, thus saving about $7.00 railroad fare. I will give exact schedule a little later.

Give my love to Leak and Norma and tell them I will write them at Houston a little later and with much love for yourself I am

Your big boy

Kirby

Logan Okla Aug 23-1913

My Baby Dear:-

I am here all right and am as happy as can be. Mother is looking very well indeed and is a great deal better satisfied than she has been for years. Mr Murry is the same good man that he was when I saw him last. He has the patience of Job (so mother says) and is without doubt one of the best men I have ever met. I am mighty glad mother is here.

I believe you will be interested to know the kind of a trip I had to make in order to get here. I had to lay over 8 hours in Mulvane and then reached Gage at 2:40 in the morning. I went to a hotel and slept 3½ hours. Logan is only 43 miles from Gage and there are splendid means of conveyance. I chose the mail hack and we arrived all OK about 5:30 PM. Mother and Mr Murry met me there and we came

Menlo Ia Sept 1-13

My dear Mother:-

I am here waiting for a train back to Des Moines. I will be here for about three hours. I found everything all right at Monteith. I enjoyed myself greatly meeting the people again. They seemed to be glad to see me again and treated me nicely. The crops around here are good. Wheat and oats ran about 40 bu. and corn will run from 35 to 50 bu. per acre. Everything is still green and looks so different from Kansas and Oklahoma. They have had two good rains since I left.

I reached Dm almost on time Saturday morning. I have not had time to meet many friends yet. The Middletons are all well and seemed glad to see me again. I expect to keep pretty busy from now on. I am feeling very, very good and am ready for what comes.

I shall be interested to know how many little pigs came. Tell me the details about things around the place. With love to you both I am

Yours lovingly

Turby

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Sept 11 1913

My dear Mother:-

I moved today from the Middleton's to the YMCA house. I am sure I am going to enjoy it here and ought to be able to keep a good grip on things by being here. The prospects for our work are good and we are hopeful as to the outcome of our year's work. The fellows are beginning to drop in pretty rapidly now and I am expecting to keep busy from now on.

I am to speak at the county convention of the Christian Churches of the county in which Monteith is located Saturday night. I am getting so I enjoy talking more all of the time and feel that I am making some progress.

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I had a nice letter from Leak a day or two ago. They are getting along in good shape. Alma is about ready to start for Fort Worth. She is eagerly looking forward to her new life there.

I hope you are both well and enjoying life. Have you had any rain yet? Are all of the little pigs still living? Write me all about things. With love to you both.

yours lovingly

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Sept 16 1913

My dear mother:-

Honest to goodness I haven't hardly stopped a minute for two days. Things are opening up in good shape and we are expecting a great year for the association. At the first chapel this morning where there were about 1000 people present President Bell commented us very highly. He was also kind enough to say some mighty nice things about me personally. It was quite an unusual thing for him to do and it surely did make me feel that my efforts were being appreciated.

Did I tell you that Jack was going to room where he was last year? He got a chance to work for his room and felt that he ought to take it. Arthur Elliott, Business Manager of Quax, and I are rooming together at the Y M C A house. We have a big room and are about settled down for a good year's work. He is a dandy good fellow.

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I had a letter from Alma today. She is about located and is very well pleased with things. Basil is helping her get fixed up and she says she is enjoying everything immensely. The change surely will do her good.

The weather is real cool here now. I wear my coat all day and need an extra quilt at night. Have you had rain yet? Please remember me kindly to the folks down the way and with love to you both I am

Your boy

Kirby

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Sept 23 1913

My Mother dear:-

I am gradually getting settled down to business. I have a very good course outlined, as follows: Charities and Corrections, Principles of Religious Education, Comparative Religions, American Law, Church History, National and State Governments.

I am feeling well and am enjoying the cool weather we are having. We had ice yesterday morning.

I had a very interesting experience last Sunday. We gave up our services at Monteith in order that the Baptists of the community might hold their convention in our building. They began on Thursday and on Sunday night they asked me to talk. I couldn't get out of it, so I gave them the best I could. There were about ten preachers in the

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audience and you can well imagine it was some experience for me. I got thru in good shape and their presence did not seem to bother me at all.

Our YMCA work is moving along very nicely and we are hopeful of the results. I have not done much on Quax as yet, but will get down to business soon.

I hope you are both feeling well and that things are going well with you. With love, I am

your big boy

Kirby

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Oct 3 1913

Mother of Mine:-

I was glad to hear about the rain. Even though it is too late to help this year's crops, it ought to get the ground in good shape for another year. Your mention of the peach pie and water melons make me homesick, although I am getting lots of good "eats" here at the Y M C A house. We have about 45 men eating here and are getting along famously. The association is in the best shape it has been for years and years, so I am told by faculty members who have been here for a long time.

I suppose you will stay with somebody while Mr Murry is away. Cheer up, you may have a railroad closer some of these days.

I am as busy as a cranberry merchant and feel that I am getting a little something accomplished. Am playing tennis a little while almost every day and am feeling first rate.

With love to you both, I am

your big boy

Kirby

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Dearest:- Oct 3 1913

"The day is done, and the darkness
Falls from the wings of night,
as a feather is wafted downward
From an eagle in his flight.

I see the lights of the village
Gleam through the rain and the mist,
And a feeling of sadness comes o'er me
That my soul cannot resist;

a feeling of sadness and longing
That is not akin to pain,
and resembles sorrow only
as the mist resembles the rain.

Come, read to me some poem
Some simple and heartfelt lay,
That shall soothe this restless feeling
and banish the thoughts of day.

Not from the grand old masters,
Not from the bards sublime,
Whose distant footsteps echo
Through the corridors of Time.

For, like strains of martial music
Their mighty thoughts suggest
Life's endless toil and endeavor;
and tonight I long for rest."

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Read from some humbler poet
Whose songs gushed from his heart,
as showers from the clouds of summer
or tears from the eyelids starts;

Who, through long days of labor
and nights devoid of ease
Still heard in his soul the music
of wonderful melodies.

Some songs have power to quiet
the restless pulse of care
and come like the benediction
that follows after prayer.

Then read from the treasured volume
the poem of thy choice,
and lend to the rhyme of the poet
the beauty of thy voice.

and the night shall be filled with music,
and the cares that infest the day
Shall fold their tents, like the arabs,
and as silently steal away."

Henry W. Longfellow

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Oct 9 1913

Mother Dear:-

I can well imagine that you had a lonely time while Mr Murry was away. I don't believe I would stay by myself if I were you. He surely did get a good price for the stuff. The $60.00 ought to help some. I know you were glad to get another good rain. Perhaps you will have a bumper crop another year. Here's hoping.

Everything is progressing nicely with me. The ymca work is coming along in great shape and I am doing some Y work now. Elliott and I are getting along together famously. He is a fine fellow.

Alma writes frequent and interesting letters. She has been elected Secretary

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of the University Endeavor Society and also of her Bible Class. She reports good progress with her music. We are looking forward to meeting at the Kansas City Convention, Dec 30 - Jan 4.

I am glad you received word from Perry. I have written him twice since I returned and will write again soon. I hear from Leak every once in a while.

I love you, mother of mine.

Your big boy

Kirby

P.S. Alma wrote that she sent you a picture. I wonder if you received it and if you did how you liked it.

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Oct 14 1913

My dear Mother:-

I have the same old story to tell - ymca Quiz, Preaching, Study - and believe me, all of them together keep me going some. I am feeling fine and dandy, however our ymca work is moving along very nicely indeed - and we believe we are going to accomplish something worth while.

Our football team walloped Grinnell 20 to 0 last Saturday. Next Saturday they go to Lawrence to meet Kansas University. We beat them last year.

The meeting at Monteith begins tomorrow and we are hoping to accomplish worth while results.

I hear from Alma quite regularly. She reports good progress.

Good night, mother of mine. Love to you both.

your big boy

Kirby

P.S. Did you ever get the ten dollar bill I sent?

U. S. S. Saratoga
October 17 - 1913.
Shanghai - China

Mr. Kirby Page,
Des Moines, Iowa

My Dear Brother:-

I am ashamed of myself for not writing sooner - your letters received with pleasure.

I am sure you enjoyed your trip to Houston and also of seeing Mother. I certainly look forward to my trip Home although it is quite a long way off. Have seen lots of sights and also a lot of the fighting which was going on here in China for some time. I suppose you read of it in the papers.

Have been to Nanking - Chinkiang - Wu Hu Chefoo and other different places in the last few months. We will leave here next mo for Manila as far as can be learned.

Have collected a funch of pictures which I know you will enjoy seeing. Letters from Mother and Lee come pretty often never hear from anyone else. You mentioned every one in your letter except Ivy - although I know you saw her and expect you had a good talk with her - I never hear of her much less

from her - although being away from her I think more of her as time passes on No indeed I haven't forgotten her - For never could I think as much of anyone else as I do of her. She will probally be married by the time I get home - I hope not - Yes unless I prove myself man enough to resist all of the temptations trials and other things which we must come in contact with - I would not want her to think of me at all. Yes for 19 months we were very very happy. I am sure I will never be so again, for now I am nothing but a seaman roving around the world - I would be glad to see you and Alma marry for she is a dear little girl. And I think you will be Happy.

Yes you must have a busy old time with all the different things you have to do.

By the Way I am Champion of this ship at Checkers - What do you know about that -

Well I will try and write oftener than I have been doing - Best of Luck & good Wishes to you - Write whenever you have time.

Love -

Your Brother
O. L. Page

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Oct 17 1913

Mother Dear:

I am going out to Monteith this afternoon. Our meeting began Wednesday and we are hopeful of accomplishing something worth while.

My work in school is progressing nicely and I have no kick coming. Am having no difficulty in standing up under it as yet. Am taking plenty of exercise and feel all O.K.

I surely hope your railroad talk will bring forth something. It surely would be a help to the country.

I am eagerly looking forward to seeing Alma in Kansas City at Christmas. We ought to have a great time together.

With love to you both, I am

Yours lovingly

Kirby

Hello old Fellow!-

Still here in Shanghai we leave for Manila this or next week though.

War is all over with. Have seen some very interesting sights the last few months. Had your letter a few days ago. Thanks. I am always glad to hear from you. Keep up the good work

Best Wishes
O. L. Page

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to keep pretty busy from now on. This is a great life and I am enjoying it tremendously.

I am writing Leah by this same mail. I am sorry that he feels that I am to blame for Mr Wilson's attitude. Leah is a mighty good man and the only thing I have to say is that it seems to me that he goes to such an extreme in religious matters that he cripples his influence. I have absolutely nothing against him and hope he feels the same toward me. I am also writing Perry today. I expect he feels hurt about the watch deal. He will feel better some of these days.

I am glad to hear

Monteith – Nov 4 13

Mother o'mine:-

This is Tuesday and I am still out here. We have been having a great time. Already I have baptized 21 people and there are five others to be baptized today, and we are hoping for others tonight. The meeting closes tonight. This has been quite an experience for me. It makes me feel humble when I think of the responsibility that rests upon me as leader of the people here. There is only the one church and we have the material for a real strong church. Pray for me that I may do my best.

Things are still going well with me at school. I expect

house and hope things work out as you would like to have them. Alma and I are looking forward to seeing you both next fall.

I love you, mother dear, and pray for you both daily.

your big baby
Kirby

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Nov. 10 1913

Mother Dear:-

I surely am rejoiced over the prospects for the new house. I know you will have a great old time planning and fixing it up. You must send me a diagram of how it will look.

I am awfully busy. Had a good time at Monteith Sunday. I preached for the first time in a month. One kind hearted lady said my morning sermon was better than anything she heard during the meeting. What do you think of that!

I won the tennis tournament last week. This is my third time and I am beginning to get puffed up over it. Practice, practice, practice counts.

I am doing fairly well in my studies although I could do better if I did not spend so much time on outside stuff.

Had a nice letter from Leah today. He is all O.K.

It is now after midnight so good night mother of mine. Love to you both

Yours lovingly

Kirby

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Nov. 17 1913

Mother Dear:

I am not as good to you as I should be in the letter line and will try to do better. I believe I am about as excited over the new house as you are. Do you have any idea when it will be completed? Tell me all about it.

I had a good letter from Perry last week and am enclosing it herewith. He seems to be getting along all OK. Perhaps he will surprise us yet.

I also had a letter from Leah. He and Norma are still busy with their Bible study and classes. Oscar is back now.

I received an announcement today of Mr Munger's marriage on Nov. 13 to a Miss Ethel Emma Richardson of Franklin, N.Y. The wedding was there, but they will be at home at 3325 Morrison Ave, Houston, after January 1st. I was greatly surprised to learn about it, but am real glad for his sake. I do not know what he is

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going to do in Houston. (He will probably write me some of these days).

Alma reports good progress in her work and says that she is enjoying it greatly.

My work is heavy now, but I am feeling fine and dandy and am enjoying my life tremendously.

With love to you both, I am

Your big boy

Kirby

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Nov. 24 1913

Mother Dear:-

We are having the finest weather you can imagine and I am feeling fine and dandy. Am doing lots of Quan work now and am enjoying it greatly. The y m c a is still making good progress. I am to take Thanksgiving dinner with Mr & Mrs. Aldrich. He is State Student Secretary of the y m c a and a fine man. I expect to have a good time.

I am studying some and feel that I am having a very profitable year. I surely ought to be able to accomplish a little something when I am thru school. Alma still writes encouraging letters and reports good prospects.

How is the new house coming? Tell me about it. I am greatly interested.

With love to you both I am
Your big boy
Kirby

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Mother of Mine:-

This is Thanksgiving night and I am all alone in my room. I have had a great day. Took dinner at noon with Mr Aldrich, state student secretary of the Y M C A and took dinner at 6:00 with the Middletons. So you can see I am being well fed.

I surely do have a great many reasons why I should be thankful tonight. With good health, high ideals and a desire to be useful, I feel that I should indeed be grateful. Then too, I am thankful because you are happier and better contented than you were last year. Also that Leak & Norma are happy and that Perry is doing better. Of course, I am rejoiced over the thoughts of having Alma with me after this year. Truly, I ought to be grateful to the good Lord for all of these blessings.

Good night, mother dear, I love you.

your big boy

Kirby

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Mother Dear:-

It is now almost 1:00 o'clock in the morning and I have had a very busy day. I am feeling fine, however. The Y M C A has a series of four meetings on this week. One of the International Secretaries is speaking. He is fine and doing lots of good. The extra work in connection with this, in addition to my already full program, keeps me hustling. I believe it is helping the students materially and I only hope that we may live up to our opportunities.

I think of you both daily and wonder how the new house is progressing. Love to you both.

Your big boy

Kirby

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Mother Dear:-

No, I haven't altogether forgotten you. We had a great time here with the Y M C A meetings conducted by Mr Elliott, one of the International Secretaries. It was the greatest campaign of its kind ever held in Drake and was very helpful to the men. I sidetracked everything for it during the four days he was here, and feel that it was one of the most profitable periods of my life. It surely was a treat for me to be close to a man like he is.

I received your card today saying that you were sending back a part of my stuff. It has occurred to me that I never even mentioned them in my letters. I am in no hurry for them and if you want to wait until winter for the balance it will be plenty of time. Many, many thanks for your trouble. It will be a big saving for me.

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I also forgot to mention that I had subscribed for Review of Reviews and one other magazine - I think it was Woman's Home Companion - as a Christmas present for you both. I couldn't think of anything that would be of any more satisfaction all thru the year.

I was glad to get the plans of the house. It is going to be mighty fine and will be all the room you could possibly use. I know you are having a great time planning for it.

I am still feeling all right and am keeping out of mischief.

With love to you both.

Your big boy

Kirby

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My dearest Mother:-

Your good letter came today and I am so glad you feel better after having read Alma's letter. We both feel confident that we have made the right decision and are trying to be as contented as we can. We are both happy in our work and are looking forward to the time when we can be together.

I am having a wonderful experience this year. Without exaggerating I can say that I am doing two men's work. I am having wonderful opportunities and am trying hard to live up to them. Am right in the thick of Quax work now and surely am enjoying it. It is taking about four hours a day now, but it is very congenial work. The ymca work is still progressing nicely. Basket Ball season is in full blast and this serves to keep me in first class physical condition. Have never been in

T. C. U., Ft. Worth, Texas.
January 27, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Murray:

Talk about your going, well I have just been hitting the high places since I have been back here. Haven't written anyone but Mother and Kirby since the first week, and I owe everyone in creation a letter. It looks as if everyone has written me at the same time and then stopped and waited for an answer. I have a great stack waiting for an answer. To tell the truth, I haven't been in a letter writing mood lately, I have been taking all my spare time to put in on athletics so I could stand up to the rest of the stuff and when I get the chance at night I turn in and go to bed without doing anything more than I have to do. It isn't that I am so very tired, but I get so sleepy and feel so lazy, have gotten the habit, and will have to break it pretty soon and buckle down to real work.

I had a letter from Perry the other day. Was sure glad to hear from him, and am going to write him a real long one some time soon. I know he likes to get letters from most anyone, I know how I feel sometimes when I don't get any for a day or two, and when the come bunched up it sure makes me feel good.

Now, about the matter of Kirby and I. Perhaps I failed to make my letter altogether clear when I wrote you. I wrote in such a hurry I may not have stated things just right. It isn't that he wants to put it off, but that I want to get more education myself, and I can do it better myself. After talking with some of the older people who have done this very thing themselves, and come out all right I have thought it best that we wait a while. I have always wanted more education, and longed for it with my whole heart, and if I am to stand side by side with him and be competent to help him out of any difficulty, I must at least be able to understand something of what he is going through with, and to do this I must have more work in school, more training.from a technical standpoint. I could not do this if I had other cares, and we are both still young enough to wait a couple of years.

Through all the years that we two have known each other, we have tried to help the other in all things we could, and have tried to conform to each others wishes in regards to our training and work and character. In many instances we have materially helped the other, and I am certain that we do not care less for each other now than we did three, or even four years ago. Even though we have been separated most of the time for almost three years, we have so much in common and the one has influenced the other so much that it has been impossible for us to grow apart, and if anything we have grown closer together. It seems we have stood the test of time and our feeling for each other is not a mere passing fancy, but has

grown until we are living only in anticipation of the time when we can be together and solve our problems together in our own home.

The question of finance has not bothered us, because either of us is able to make a good living, and if it were necessary, we could both work for our education together, but it seems better that we do as we have now planned.

I do not know how long it is that we shall wait. It is not necessary that we wait all the whole four years, and as soon as it seems advisable, we will finish our plans.

Mr. Dawson has taken the same stand that you have, and gave me a piece of his mind, at the same time paying me a very nice compliment in regard to my business ability and common sense, and said that he didn't believe any man, regardless of the education he had, had any more sense than I. Of course I appreciate the compliment coming from him, and as he is a man himself and ought to know, I will pass on it.

Mother seems to be saitsfied, as of course would be expected, as she will have claim on me for a year or so longer than she had expected. She thinks that if more of the young people would wait almost as long as Kirby and I have, it would be better for them in the long run.

I had a letter from Kirby the other day saying that he had come to the conclusion that I ought to go to Drake next year. I haven't yet decided where I shall go. I can, I am very sure, get a stenographic position here in the school next year to pay me more than I am now getting for the dining room work I am doing, ~~and~~ but I don't want to go after the place until I decide whether or not I want to go to Drake or come back here next year. I am waiting to see what Kirby and mother have to say on the subject.

I would also like to hear what you have to say on the same and will await your answer.

With best regards to Mr. Murry, and yourself, I am,

Yours affectionately,

Alma

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Jan 24 1914

Mother Dear:

Received your card today. am mighty glad that work on the house is progressing. am anxious for it to be completed and for the time to come when I can see it. I know you must be enjoying the work on it.

This has been an extremely busy week for me. Examinations come next week. Went to Ames with the Basket Ball team today and played all of the game. Drake lost by the score of 11 to 15. I will have to turn out at 5:00 in the morning to go to Monteith. am feeling first class.

I love you, mother of mine.

Kirby

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January 15 1914

Mother Of Mine:-

I was glad to get your good letter today. I note with great interest what you have to say in regard to the decision that Alma and I have made in regard to the time of our marriage. You may well believe me when I say that had we followed our own selfish desires in the matter we would have been married some three years ago. Alma and I thought, talked and prayed about the matter in Kansas City, as well as before, and our better judgment told us to wait. Our decision was made not because I desire to make a great name for myself, as you fear, for I am trying hard to rid myself of any such ambitions, but rather because we have decided that we shall do everything within our power to make our lives as useful and as helpful as possible. We have made our decision with the thought of a lifetime of service in view and not simply the next few years.

With this idea firmly in mind, we have decided that we must prepare ourselves thoroughly for our work. We believe that the good Lord uses most those persons who are best prepared for service, and we are determined to give Him a chance to use us in a mighty way if He sees fit. True enough, we might be married and still continue our college work, but at the same time we are convinced that neither of us would be able to accomplish what we might under other conditions. The question of finance has had comparatively little to do with our decision, for I am reasonably sure that I could make enough for us to live on. The question of the coming of children into the home has made us question our ability to carry out our present plans of preparation. We believe those persons are happiest in this world who serve most, and with this conviction in our hearts, we do not choose to consider it a hardship to wait, but rather look forward to a more intense happiness together in after years because of our better preparation for service.

I agree with you perfectly, mother dear, in the statement that under ordinary circumstances it would not be fair to Alma to make her wait, even though as you say "she has the patience of Job". I think I have good reason to believe that I know her quite well by this time and I am thoroughly convinced that she looks at this matter in the same light that I do and that you would have to go a long way to find a happier little girl than she is tonight. Happiness to us tonight does not mean what it did four years ago. We are coming to believe that happiness comes not so much from getting as it does from giving, and we are conscientiously trying to give our best service. In my own mind, mother dear, I am

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convinced that you need have no fear in regard to our happiness. I am sure that we love each other tonight with a deeper love than would have been possible had we not caught sight of the vision of spending our lives together in His service. It makes all the difference in the world how one looks at these matters. We are honestly convinced that our lives will be more useful, and consequently happier, because of the time spent in preparation.

I hope this explanation will tend to make you feel that we have acted wisely in deciding to wait until we are better prepared before we are married. I am sure Alma would appreciate a good letter from you along any of these lines.

These are extremely busy days with me. Quax pictures are being taken this week; basket ball practice is in full blast, we have our first game Saturday; examinations are only one week off - - so you can see that I have my hands full. I am feeling extremely good and am ready for a good hard pull of it. We are having the best winter that Iowa has known for twenty years. I have been going around all week without my overcoat.

I love you and am praying for you both daily.

Your big boy

Kirby

P.S. The clothes came in good time and I want to thank you for your trouble in the matter.

Yes, I read Laddie and thought it was mighty good. Am glad you like it.

J.D.D.
Houston
Texas

January 9, 1914.

Dear Miss. Folse:

I have your very interesting letter of the 7th inst. I knew, of course, that you would enjoy your trip to Kansas City, but you know I am rather disappointed that you have arrived at the position as indicated in your letter.

The education that you speak of is very desirable, but what are you going to do with it after you have gotten it? I believe that one year, and two years at the outside would suit you all right, and it is a mistake for two young people who are full of red blood, vigorous and healthy, and who care for each other, to put off the companionship that marriage gives them during their youth.

I really think just as soon as the lad is able to support you that both of you should be married. It is a dangerous thing for you two to be separated so long from each other. You cannot tell what may turn up that may change the feeling of either one of you, and then, certainly, one will be disappointed and feel that the education has not served its end.

After all, you have done very well. You have a better education than fifty percent of the girls who have finished school and you write a better letter. I know of no one who has any more sense than you have, so do not disappoint me by this marriage business.

You may send this letter to your best beau, and I am quite certain that he will look at it like I do. I do not care how much education he gets-- you have more natural sense right now than any man, regardless of the education, and your place is going to be at the home.

Get all the knowledge that you can this year, and possibly next, but GET MARRIED JUST AS SOON AS YOU CAN IF YOU BOTH CARE FOR EACH OTHER, and I am sure you do.

We were so sorry that you did not join the 'Widow' at the house before you left. Everybody in the office sends their love.

Sincerely,

Jesse D. Dawson

they finished the building they were informed that instead of being finished, their work had just begun

I was pressed into service yesterday afternoon to tell something of my trip at one of the churches in this city at a meeting of the C.W.B.M. and will have to make a talk in chapel tomorrow morning and another in Endeavor Sunday afternoon

I really would prefer not to make the talk in chapel, but as I was

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Texas Christian Univ.
Ft Worth, Texas

My dear Mrs Harris:

I returned from my Kansas city trip on Monday night and have been working as hard as I could go ever since. It seems my work has just begun on my return and that I was only having a good time while there. It is about the same as the instance where the people of a community built a church and when

one of those who had the privilege of going, it is my duty to pass the good work on and perhaps I may be able to tell something which the others might leave out and which might help some of the students' here.

Kirby and I only missed one meeting and that was the first one, my train arrived too late for it.

We were extremely fortunate in being able to

stay at the same place, during the whole time. We were in a very beautiful private home and the people treated us splendidly. I am certain they added much to the enjoyment of the trip.

While in Kansas City hearing all these grand talks, and after consultation with Mr Scott and some others, Kirby and I decided to change our plans with reference to the future. In one way, this change will be good

news to both yourself and my mother, and in another it may not be.

I have often wondered, should we get married next year, whether I would be able to get as much more education as I wished. During the meetings, the point was often emphasized that a missionary must have the best education that America can give, to successfully meet the problems that will arise on the foreign field, and we have decided that we must both have more

education than was at first planned out, especially Kirby, and to this end we have decided to again delay the marriage.

This, of course, will mean that we will stay at least four years longer in America, and when we do leave we will no longer be children, but older and wiser and less likely to get ourselves into trouble, still, young enough to look forward to many happy years together.

I am certain that neither of us has lost any of our

regard for the other, but on the contrary, have a more respectful and deeper feeling toward each other in consequence of our ability to meet this question and decide it as we have, and also, each has a deeper regard for his own self as well as for the other.

Of course, it was a hard decision to make, especially for myself as so much rested on my feeling in the matter, but I am now certain that we are both satisfied in our minds at least, that what

we have done is right and best for both of us.

I am expecting to spend my next year and probably the other three in either this same school, or Butler College in connection with the College of missions in Indianapolis Indiana. It is most probable that I will be able to secure better employment in Butler than I can here, and I shall most likely go there. Mrs King, the Texas State Corresponding Secretary of the C.W.B.M. is going to try to arrange for me to go

to Butler next year. Kirby will continue at Drake for next year and then go to Chicago for two or three years and spend one year in an Eastern College.

I trust you and Mrs Henry are enjoying the cold weather and that you are having a comfortable, pleasant time. I cannot write more now as my time is about up.

With best regards, I am
yours affectionately,
Alma.

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January 5 1914

Mother Dear:-

I got back to Des Moines this morning. Alma and I had the most wonderful week of our lives. There were 5031 delegates from 755 different colleges and universities. Seldom in a life time does one have the opportunity of listening to so many wonderful messages by men from many lands. We had six hours of speaking every day and heard such men as John R Mott, Robert E Speer, Samuel Zwemer, Sherwood Eddy, Wm J Bryan, Dr Horton and many others of international prominence. It was an inspiration just to listen to the Association Quartet - the sweetest music I have ever heard. The most impressive thing about the whole convention to me was the spirit of prayer shown by all of the leaders. Never will I forget the wonderful stories of the redeeming power of Christ. It has

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stimulated my faith and increased my desire to be of service to the world. Alma and I have decided that we are willing and glad to let the good Lord use us in any way and in any place he chooses. We are praying for guidance. Pray for us, mother of mine. This much is reasonably certain, we will not go to the foreign field for a number of years yet, as we are determined to be as well prepared as possible. I am sure you will rejoice with us if God directs us to serve him there. I have long since abandoned the idea of sacrifice in serving Him. Rather than think of service as sacrifice, I choose to think of it as a rare privilege. I am sure that Alma and I have never been as happy as we are now in the thought of spending our lives helping other people. Only in

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this way does one realize true happiness.
We have also resolved that not only shall we look forward to service after we have left school, but also that our lives shall be helpful to others every day we live. Few people have been blessed as we have, and please the good Lord, we are going to give Him our best service. We are very happy and have reason to believe that we will always remain so. Pray for us that we may be true to our visions and ideals.

For the sake of better preparing ourselves, we have decided that we will be wise to again delay our wedding. You may well believe that this was no easy decision for us to make. We talked it over with Mr Scott and several of our friends and they all advised us to wait. Our ~~only~~ own

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better judgment said "Wait" and for the sake of greater service we hope to render, we are going to wait until we are better prepared. We are young and can well afford to delay matters, although it is an extremely hard thing to do. Alma has shown a most beautiful spirit all along and has made me love her with a still deeper love. I thank God daily that he has given me her love. Surely I have abundant reason to be thankful and happy.

Mr Scott is still at St Paul. Mrs Scott has been sick, but is better now. Mr Scott and I had several good talks. He surely is a friend of mine.

Both Horace Lee's and Herbert Crate's fathers are dead. They died within a day of each other.

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I think of you constantly and am hoping and praying that you are well and happy. I think perhaps Alma will visit you with me next summer even tho we do not get married. Of course, I shall plan to visit you in any event.

Good night, sweetest of mothers. With love to you both.

your same old boy

Kirby

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Mother Dear:-

Your letter of the 23rd was waiting for me when I returned from the basket ball trip this morning. I am sorry to know that you have had a sick spell, but hope that you are feeling all right by this time. That surely must have been a sudden change in the weather. I suppose you will soon be having spring weather. I know you will enjoy your gardening and fixing up about the place. What does Mr Murry think about the new house? I imagine he is about as tickled over it as you are.

Basket ball is over for this season, so you need not worry about my getting hurt. I am feeling all O. K. Will be pretty busy on Quax for the next few weeks. Will side track everything for it.

Will have to turn out at five in the morning in order to catch an early train for Monteith.

I hope you are well by the time this gets to you, and with love to you both, I am

Your big boy

Kirby

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Mother Dear:-

I know you and Mr Murry must be enjoying the new house and new furnishing. I am glad you are practicing some on the Piano. Won't we have a great time together this summer!

Everything is well with me - busy - busy - busy! only two weeks before Quax goes to press and lots of work to do.

I have been elected President of the Association for the third time - an almost unheard of thing. It offers a wonderful opportunity and I feel mighty humble when I think of the importance of the leadership of it. Pray for me mother dear that I may be given guidance.

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Alma said her mother received your letter. Alma may work during the summer - says she would like to come and will try to arrange it so - will write later.

I think Leak and I can arrange to come at the same time, all right.

It is now almost midnight and I will have to get up early to catch my train. - feel fine & handy - Good night & love to you both.

Yours lovingly

Kirby.

Won my second "D" in basket ball all O.K.

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March 30 1914

Mother Dear:-

Quax goes to press this week and should be ready for delivery about May 1st. I will send you a copy as soon as it comes from the press. I will have to be on the job almost continuously for the next three weeks reading proof and supervising the arrangement. I believe our book will not be below the standard and as to the financial side, we will probably come out a little to the good.

I have written Leak in regard to the time of our visit and hope he can arrange to come. I suppose you are working in the garden by this time. I hope you are both well and contented with life.

With love I am
your boy Kirby

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2-25-14

Mother Dear:-

The Basket Ball team leaves for Cedar Falls in the morning. This is the last series of the season. I am feeling fine and dandy.

Lucas material is coming in pretty rapidly now and we are quite busy. am enjoying the work greatly.

Had a good letter from Leak today. He is feeling better.

Suppose you are well, well settled in the new home by this time. Wish I could see you and Mr Murry again. Never mind, summer will soon be here now and then we will have a good time.

With love to you both, I am
Lovingly your boy
Kirby

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2-15-14

Mother Dear:-

We were at Lincoln Friday and Saturday for games with University of Nebraska. They won both games. The season will be over in two weeks. I am in good physical condition, except for a slightly twisted ankle received in Friday's game. It does not pain me hardly at all.

We are busy with Quax now. From the present outlook, I believe we will put out a good book. It is a great experience and I am enjoying it greatly.

I got my grade card for the past four months this morning. I was pleased with my grades, considering the amount of outside activities that I am mixed up in. The grades were as follows:- Sociology, Good; Social Science, Superior; Political Science, Superior; Religious Education, Good; Comparative Religion, Good; Church History, Creditable.

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I had a Christmas dinner menu from Perry. Alma's mother does not want her to come so far away from home. She has not decided just what she will do as yet. You did not say what you thought about asking her to visit you next summer.

I know you must be enjoying the new house. You surely can afford to do without a lot of things now and still be well contented.

With love to you both I am

Yours lovingly

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Logan, Okla., august 7. 1914

My own dearie, Alma:-

The other day you asked me what I would most like to have for my birthday and at that time I did not give you any clue, but this morning I am going to tell you what gift I would prize most highly of all.

Some sixteen hundred and fifty eight days ago I asked you the all important question - "Will you marry me?". Today, I am taking the liberty of asking you another vital question, - Will you marry me - not at some indefinite time in the distant future, but now, within the next thirty days?

I realize full well that this plan is directly contrary to what we had planned for next year - and I also am

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better shape in my life. am keeping up my preaching and am enjoying it more than ever. We have not heard how we came out in our semester examinations, but I think I got thru in good shape.

I am so glad the new house is about completed. I know you must be all excited over it. I can hardly wait for the time to come when I can be with you in it. I wonder what you would think of inviting Alma to come up and visit you while I am there. I believe she would come and we could have a great good time together. If it is agreeable, you might write her and invite her right away. If you care to you might also write to her mother and ask her to let Alma come. If Alma could come up then we could all have longer time together. Alma's mother's address is 1317 Alston ave - Houston - Mrs J M Newman.

With love to you both I am

Lovingly

Nick

Houston, Texas.
July 31, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Murry:

Of course it is a shame and all that that I haven't written you any more, but I haven't an excuse to my name that I could offer. I simply have been too lazy to do anything at all.

I presume Kirby will be there about the time this letter reaches you, and that you will be in a highly good humor and forgive me. I know you will be glad to see him, and hope you and he and Mr. Murry will have a very good time while he is there.

I am rather anxious to see him myself and will certainly be glad when he gets here. I can appreciate to some extent now, what he means when he writes me during the school year and tells me he is busy, however, I am going to see that we don't either one overwork during his stay here.

With all best wishes to yourself and Mr. Murry, I am,

Lovingly,

Alma

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7-27-14

Mother Dear:-

Both of your letters came today. I have looked up train schedules and if everything goes well I will reaches Knowles at 6:53 P.M on Tuesday. I leave Des Moines at 12:10 PM monday; leave Kansas City at 1:45 am Tuesday; reach Woodward at 3:40 P.M; leave Woodward at 4:00 and reach Knowles at 6:53. If I miss the train at Woodward I will have to wait a whole day as they only have one train a day - will no doubt make it all ok; as they will wait for quite a while.

I am glad that you are not going to try to make the trip as it would be too hard on you. I expect we

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will have to stay all night at Woodward and so far as I am concerned I would just as soon sleep out of doors if Mr Murry wants to bring along a guilt or two.

I am eagerly looking forward to the trip and can hardly wait to see you. If anything happens I will wire Mr. Murry at Knowles or write him there.

The State Tennis Tournament is on here this week and I am getting some good practice out of it. I'll tell you how I come out later.

With love to you both, I am

Lovingly

Kirby

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Mother Dear:-

Everything is about the same with me. am not getting rich but feel fine and dandy and manage to get enough to live on. am keeping busy at one thing and another and feel that I am accomplishing something am greatly enjoying my work at Monteith.

I suppose you will send me directions as to how to reach you. am planning to leave here about Aug. 2. am eagerly looking forward to the visit. We will have a happy time together.

With love to you both, I am
your big boy
Kirby

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Had a fairly successful week of it. Will write soon. Feel fine and dandy. With love

Kirby

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THIS SPACE FOR WRITING

Have been seeing the sights here for a couple of days. am leaving for Omaha tonight. With love

Kirby

Mrs Isabella Murry
Route 2 Box 33
Logan Okla

Des Moines July 9-14

Mother Dear:-

I had some ymca correspondence to look after this week so I stayed in. We are sending out 3500 letters to high school graduates.

I am planning to be with you some time early in August - will give exact date a little later. It isn't long now and I am mighty anxious to see you both - am looking forward to a fine visit. Will go to Houston after visiting you - will be mighty glad to see Leak and Alma.

Am getting along nicely and feel fine and dandy. Nothing much to write about. Did have a letter from Perry - he seems to be getting all right.

With love to you both, I am

Your boy
Kirby

Des Moines June 26-14

Mother of Mine:-

I found your letter when I returned here. I am sorry that you feel badly because you think I have no home to go to. I assure you that I do not feel that way at all and am looking forward with great interest to seeing you before very long. I expect to keep busy with my ~~canvassing~~ preaching and canvassing for

current opinion. Time will go very quickly and I will soon be with you again, probably the last week in August. Will give exact date later.

am feeling about as fine as ever and am ready for what comes.

With love to you both I am

your boy

Kirby

May 16 1918

Dear Mother:-

Quax goes on sale Tuesday, so you will probably get yours by the end of the week. I shall be interested in hearing what you think of it. It surely does represent a lot of time and energy, but has been abundantly worth while.

The State Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament comes next week. Nicholson and I are to represent Drake. Will give results later.

Time is going rapidly and school will soon be out. am looking forward to Geneva and later to seeing you and Leak and Alma.

am well and busy, which means I am happy.

With love to you both, I am

your boy
Kirby

I am glad that you like the book. We did our best and the school seems to be well satisfied. We did not make very much out of it as we put about 400% more into it than ever before. We will make enough to pay our tuition for this year and a little more. It was a great experience and I have enjoyed it very much.

My expenses have been unusually heavy this year, as I have

June 4 1914

Mother Dear:-

Tomorrow is the last day of school. I have taken all of my examinations except one and think I got thru all right. Commencement is next week and I have been chosen as Junior Class orator for the class day exercises.

It has been a wonderfully good year for me and I have enjoyed it tremendously, but I am glad it over. I will take a little rest now.

mixed up in so many different activities, each costing more or less. If I were to cut down on my activities and spend more time on work, I could easily come out to the good, but I figure that I will gain in the long run by getting all I can out of my school work. I will be able to take of my deficit after I graduate. I realize that it is not a good policy to live beyond

your means, but under the circumstances I believe I am doing the best thing.

Notwithstanding the state of my finances, I am planning to go to Geneva again. I am finding that I need something like this every so often to keep my spiritual life up, and this I have resolved to do regardless of what it costs. I am convinced that those men who accomplish most are those men who keep refilling their lives and keep their ideal

Constantly before them. Geneva had meant a lot to me - the touch with the big men, the enthusiasm of numbers and all of it together simply gives me a new grip on myself.

I hope, mother dear, that you will not be concerned about my finances, for there is no need to worry. I will get along in great shape.

Alma writes that she has had a great year. She goes home

this next week. She expects to be back in TCU next year. She says that she would rather have me come down late in the summer, so I will probably return here after Geneva and either work or rest (as the spirit moves me) and keep up my work at Monteith until in August and then visit you and then go to Houston.

You may well believe that I am glad to know that you are

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P. O. WILLIAMS BAY, WIS. June 12 1914

Mother Dear:—

We arrived here all o.k and are expecting to have a great ten day together. There are 15 of us from Drake - the largest delegation we ever had. Will write you more about our stay later.

We had a very busy time during the last two weeks of school. I think I got thru all of my examinations in good shape. I represented

better satisfied than ever. I can hardly wait to see you and have another good visit with you and mr Murry.

With love to you both I am

Your boy
Kirby

P. S. on account of a conflict in dates we did not go to St Louis.

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P. O. WILLIAMS BAY, WIS. June 15 1914

Mother of Mine:-

To say that we are having a wonderful time is putting it mildly. We are having from 6 to 10 addresses a day and each delivered by a man with a great message as one speaker said - "these are destiny making opportunities." Some how the influences brought to bear on one here makes the Lord Christ more real and brings Him close to one. Some how, one is lifted from the common routine and made

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the Junior Class on Class Day as their orator and got along fairly well.

Hope you are both well and contented.

Will write again soon.

With love.

Your boy

Kirby

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to see life in terms of service. Somehow, the very atmosphere here makes one yearn for unselfishness in his life. It must be like the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain, where his disciples saw his glory. It kindles one with new zeal to hear of the transforming power of this name all over the world. It makes one desire to go out and be used when one listens to the cry of need from every quarter. I can never realize just how ~~this~~ much effect

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these conferences have had and will have on my life. If it is a true saying that one is pulled forward by his ideal, then my life will have been changed by what I have received here. Prayer means a very great deal now and has since the Kansas city convention and my whole spiritual life has been deepened.

With all the opportunities I have had during the past few years in so many ways there surely rests upon me

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P. O. WILLIAMS BAY, WIS. 6-18-14

Mother dear:-

We are still having a great time. I have been so busy with other things that I have not given much time to recreation, and yet I have had a very enjoyable time of it.

I have been able to come to know some of the great leaders - and it has helped me a very great deal. I have had the honor to be elected, as one of the

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a responsibility to put it all to some use and I am going to do my best.

I am not sure just what I will do all summer - will know soon after I get back to Des Moines. Write me there.

I am well and extremely happy. With love to you both.

Your

Kirby

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I am planning to canvass for a magazine - Current Opinion - as soon as I get back to Des Moines. I have a good proposition with them and can make more in the short space of time than at any thing I know of. Of course, I will keep up my work at Monteith on Sunday. Will write you later how I come out canvassing.

Alma is home again and writes that she is

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five or six students, out of the 750 here, on the Advisory Board that meets with the International Committee in planning for next years Conference at Geneva. This will be a rare privilege for me and will enable me to come into very close contact with many of the leading men in association service. Truly the good Lord is blessing me.

We are having many wonderful addresses these days,

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enjoying the change. She has not tried to get any work yet.

I am looking forward to my visit with you, when I can talk over these wonderful days.

With love to you both.

Kirby

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Mother of mine :-

Yes, I am still in the land of the living and everything is all ok with me.

The printers are almost thru with Quax now and as soon as the binders do their work, we will be ready for delivery.

My partner and I went to Ames today and defeated the tennis team of Iowa State College. We had a pretty hard match but were finally successful. It made us feel pretty good.

I had another good letter from Perry today. I do not know why he has not been

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getting our letters. I have been writing every few weeks all along.

Alma writes regularly and reports good progress. This has been a great year for her. I am getting mighty anxious to see you both again.

I am still preaching every Sunday and enjoying it very much, and feel that I am getting a great deal from it.

It wont be long now until summer and then we can have a good visit together.

With love to you both, I am

Your boy
Kirby

for me to do is to read proof. I have held up under the strain remarkably well and am in good condition physically. Of course, I need a good rest, but school will soon be out and then I expect to loaf to my heart's content. I am going to Lake Geneva again. The Conference there comes immediately after school is out.

In order to hold my church at Monteith I expect it will be necessary for me

Des Moines - 4-26-14

Mother Dear:-

I am going to surprise you by writing a real letter today. What do you think of that!

I had one of the boys here go to Monteith for me today and I am taking a real rest. I have been working harder the past few weeks than ever before in my life. It has been agreeable work, but work that had to be done right away. The book is at the printers now and all that remains

to be here most of the summer. I rather think I will stay in Des Moines and work a little and play a lot and get in first class condition for next year.

Of course, I am planning to spend some time with you and Alma. Will decide about the time a little later. If Leak can come, I will come at the time most convenient for him, but the latter part of August will probably be best for me.

No, mother dear, nothing is worrying me and there is nothing wrong between Alma and I. The only reason my letters have been so unsatisfactory has been lack of time. The book has taken lots of time and energy, but it has been a great experience and I feel that it has been abundantly worth while. If things were to be done over, I would certainly jump at the opportunity to be Editor, which is a pretty good test.

I feel that we have made considerable progress in the Y M C A this year and are looking forward to even greater things the coming year. It is a great opportunity to be President of the association for even one term, and it makes me humble when I consider my opportunity during the three terms that I will have had during my college course. I am beginning to be anxious to get through school and get down to real business. But still,

when I stop to think, I realize that I am having an unusual opportunity here - probably as big as I will have when I leave school. It is a great life and ought to mean a lot to me.

It is four years, two months and six days now since Alma and I made our big decision. A great many things have happened and we have changed our plans many times since that time, but I feel that we are both more in love with

each other than we were then - in fact I am sure of it. We are trying hard to keep from being selfish in our love, and are trying to plan our lives in terms of service. Personally, I am sure that if we do this our lives will be happier than would otherwise be possible. I am anxious for you to know Alma better. She is a wonderful little girl and seems more wonderful to me all the time. Very few girls

have the depth that she has and still fewer would have been willing to change their plans as she did. Her letters are a constant source of help and inspiration to me. How can I help loving her! No this is the last thing in the world for you to be concerned about. I shall never cease to be grateful for a mother like you and a sweetheart like Alma. How can I help from keeping clean and pure. I am trying hard to make my life count in every

possible way and covet your continued prayers.

I had a good letter from Perry today. He seems to be in good spirits. He says he is going to go on a chicken farm as soon as he is out of the navy. I believe he will settle down in great shape. I am praying for him every day and am very confident that he has changed considerably. Am writing him today.

Leak and Norma are still busy with their Bible work. While I do not

agree with all of their beliefs, I can not help but admire their consecration. They must be doing a lot of good. Some of these days they will calm down on certain ideas and then their influence will be still greater, in my opinion. You should be proud of them.

Now mother dear, I don't want you to worry about me. I am watching my health carefully and will not over work.

Please give my love to Mr Murry and tell him that half of this letter is for him. I love you, I do! I do!

Your big boy Kirby.

T. C. U.
Ft. Worth, Texas.
April 15, 1914.

My dear Mrs. Murray:

I can't for the life of me remember whether I answered your letter inviting me to spend part of the summer with you, or not. I know I have written on the subject to both mother and Kirby many times. If I did answer it, well and good if not, I can only ask you to forgive me.

I appreciate the invitation very much and would love the best in the world to take advantage of it, but the way matters look at present, it seems as if it will be utterly impossible to do anything but go straight home from here and get to work to earn something to come back here on next year. I did so much want to take some vacation this summer, but I have spent so much money, and will have to spend so much more, that I shall be about broke by the time vacation comes. The good Lord seems to have made a mistake in making me a poor girl with rich tastes and an ambition for an education and a score of other things, but I guess there is no way to get around it but to work around it, and I am going to try. Some of these days when I get rich I am going to take a day or two off and see how it feels. I am not kicking, but just building castles in the air.

Kirby wants me to go to Geneva this summer, but it will be out of the question, under the circumstances.

With best regards to Mr. Murray and yourself, I am,

yours,

Alma.

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Mother Dear:

Really, I know very little to write about these days except Quiz. I am giving practically my whole time and thought to it. It should be out of the way in about three weeks and then I can get a good breath. Am holding out in good shape and feel fine.

My Sunday work rests me up and is very helpful in many ways. Tomorrow will be ten years since I joined the church at Lott.

I am praying for you both each day. I love you, mother dear and hope you are contented and happy.

your same boy

Kirby

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Sept. 25 1914

Mother Dear:-

School opened Wednesday and we are getting well started now. Alma is taking 13 hours of work each week in the College of the Bible, as follows:- Comparative Religions 3 hrs; Social Teachings of Jesus, 3 hrs; History, agencies and materials of Religious Education, 3 hrs; Psychology of Religious Education, 2 hrs; Organization and Administration of Religious Education. In addition to this she is taking one piano lesson each week in the Conservatory, with two hours practice each day.

I am taking 16 hours work as follows:- Philosophy of Religion 3 hrs; Sociology 3 hrs; Economics 2 hrs; German, 3 hrs; Greek 2 hrs; Social Teachings of Jesus 3 hrs (with Alma).

16 th.

about eighteen present.
I will just give a list of
the presents:-

one handkerchief.
six fine linen handkerchiefs.
four very nice " "
one small linen towel
one " " " embroidered
two linen towels
two bath " embroidered
(P and crocheted edge.)
one bath mat.
one very nice embroidered waist.
one silver syrup pitcher.

Des Moines, Iowa
September 15, 1910

Dear Mother:

I notice Kirby and Lock both failed to go into details as to the presents that I got, and I notice Kirby didnt state just what they gave us at Montieth, so Ill just tell you about it.

One of the girls in Houston gave me a shower on Saturday afternoon, the 28th, I think and there were

Afterwards I received a salt and pepper shaker and two little cut glass dishes and a silver cold meat fork.

Mr. Dawson presented me with twenty five dollars but I didn't receive anything from the office force. The Gen. force gave Kirby a set of six silver knives and forks.

The people of Monteith were very good to us. At the surprise they presented me with six soup cups, saucers and plates and a little flower dish, very pretty. The Aid soc

six silver teaspoons.
one silver gravy ladle.
two individual salt dishes,
(glass silver plated band)
fruit basket or work box.
(being used for latter)
pair gloves. (black kid.)
and from Norma, four nice linen face towels with embroidered initial and a nice petticoat with lace flounce and blue ribbon at top of flounce.
And from Leah, in same box, a shirt for Kirby, silk, which had to be taken out and exhibited.

19th.

This letter is on the installment plan. I started the night of the 15th. and wrote half a page before company came in and I began again on the next afternoon to write while the potatoes for salad were cooking. I came to earth with the realization that it was my potatoes giving forth the all pervading odor.

We received your letter yesterday and I will just make this a good long

ciety gave us a nice new pieced quilt and the Endeavor gave us a silver butter knife, sugar spoon and cold meat fork with E engraved on the back of the handle, and someone else gave us a silver cream ladle. We also received two glasses jelly, a jar of pickles and seven jars preserves and canned fruits, and a linen towel, a length of roller toweling and pillow casing for two pillows.

one while I am at it. I
don't know why I didn't
think to tell you about
my frills and paggles.
I guess I just thought
everyone ought to know.
I only had two weeks to get
everything ready and I
sure did have to work
to do all my sewing.
I made up a little cotton
crepe dress, the goods of
which I already had. It
was a mingly color and
I trimmed it in corn colored
messaline, a big roll collar

and girdle. long sleeves, plain
at bottom. Then I got a
black skirt and made it
as per sketch, high waistline.
Three white waists, two
like sketch the other, (thicker
cloth) made same way only
without collar and cuff and
with lace in sleeve and
neck. This was the one I
was married in, and I have
pearl buttons to go with
them. They are detachable
and I fasten them on under
side through small button
holes with tiny safety pins.

the skirt has a large tuck in front and back and two pleats on either side. The girdle is not separate, just made girdle effect, opened in back and trimmed only with very narrow pearl and bead trimming, just as plain as possible, but some scrumptious looking.

I was married in a suit. a dark purple, you might say plum colored, cape effect in back, skirt with long overskirt.

I made a wisteria colored dress like sketch. collar and girdle same goods with lace pleated round sleeve and collar, ruching fashion. lace inch and half wide. I also made a shirt waist like the white ones out of what goods was left over. I have a black velvet girdle that can be worn with the dress. Next I made a yellow crepe evening dress like the sketch only much prettier.

The collar of the coat is colored with everything in the rainbow and out of it. reds (dark) and silver and silver-green yellow predominating, if you can understand the jargon. This fancy collar can be removed when wished and collar of the goods is there small regular coat collar. The cape effect on the coat can also be removed. The hat is black velvet with two large flowers to match the collar, red

and yellow with a silver cord around crown, very neat looking and small. I had high shoes and black kid gloves to complete the outfit. One of my friends gave me a check on Saks for five dollars and I added 96 cents to it and got two lovely crepe silk petticoats, one purple and one grey.

I still have my suit I got last year, a dark red, and it is in good shape, and I have a

dark grey suit with blue (the reverse side of goods) trimming. This suit was bought three years ago, but is in style now and mother put a new lining in it and the coat looks as good as new. The skirt is a little worse for wear, but is might nice for cold damp weather and looks very nice after a good cleaning.

We have our rooms just fixed up dandy. There are four or five pictures on the wall and fourteen pen

nants. arranged nicely and nothing looks crowded. We have the Imax desk, a flat top desk, 33 X 31 inches and a large bookcase in the room. We arranged our two trunks end to end against the wall and spread the Monteith quilt over them and four nice sofa cushions on top to make it look homey. We keep things cleaned up as much as possible and everyone that comes in compliments us on

(16.)

living room 14 x 14'

the living room. The kitchen is a little smaller 14 x 10, and has a trunk, small two burner gas stove on little table a table (good kitchen table used to eat off of) and a box for a safe. We put a shelf in my typewriter box, a good sized affair, for this safe and some curtains around it. There is a good closet to the large room and one in the corner of the kitchen. I am enclosing a sketch of the arrangement of the two

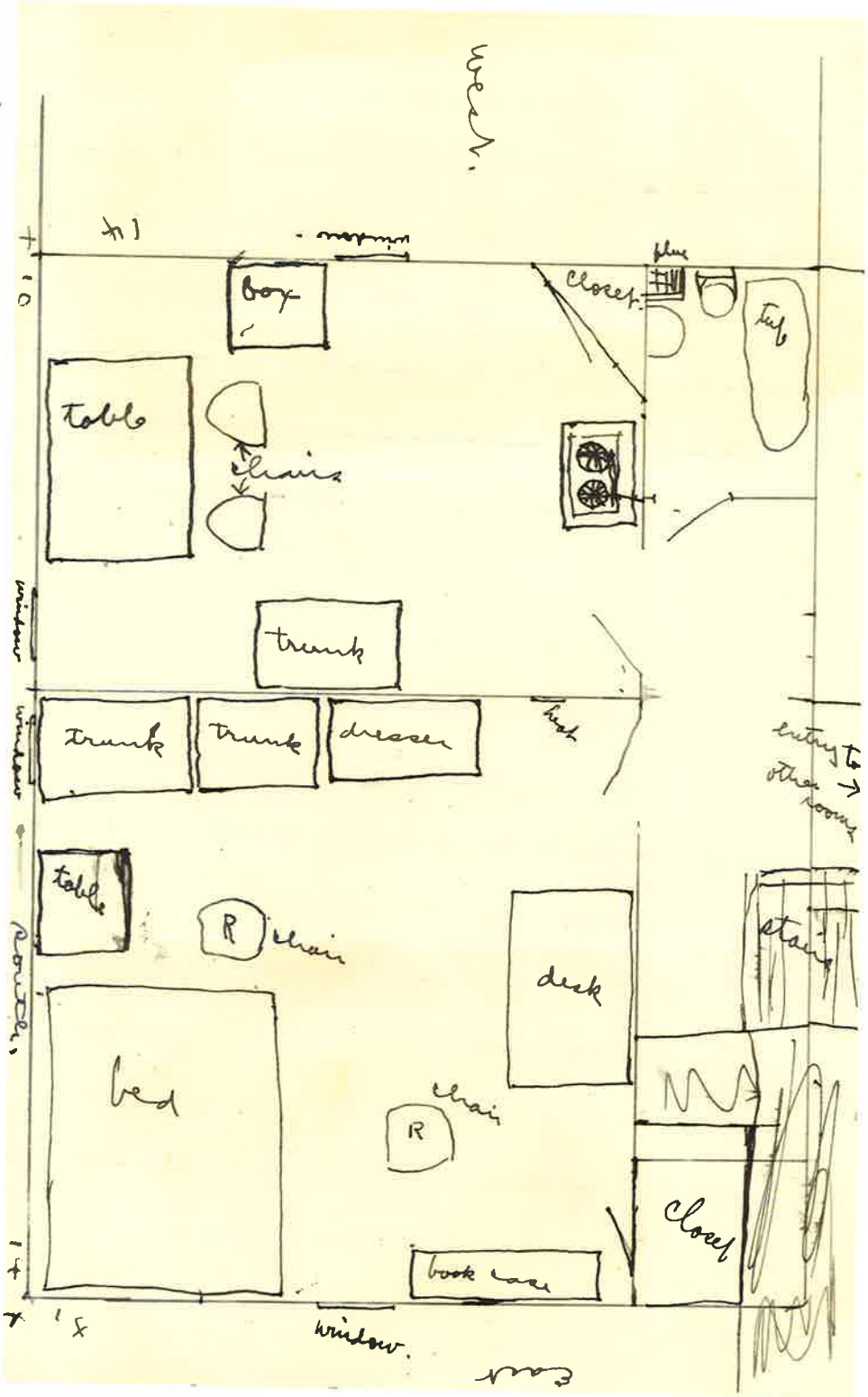
(17.)

rooms and directions.

We are taking things rather easy this week but will have to get a move on after this. Lessons start on Wednesday and we will begin in earnest then. We are getting along just fine and haven't had any scraps yet and my cooking hasn't hurt him yet, or least he doesn't show any signs of it.

With much love I am

your alma.


North.
14'
window
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closet
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table
chairs
trunk
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dresser
hat
entry to other rooms
table
R
chair
desk
stairs
bed
chair
R
closet
book case
14'
8'
window.
East

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We have not been around a great deal as yet, although we have met a great many of my friends, some of whom Alma had met at Kansas City last Christmas. Alma seems to be quite well satisfied and pleased with things thus far and I am quite sure that we are going to be very happy together.

School begins a week from today and I am quite busy on YMCA affairs gettings things in readiness. We have the best prospects ever and really expect to do a very effective work this year.

I am glad to know that the broom corn is turning out well and hope that the young crop does as well. You folks surely must have had a big time with all of that crowd at Clarence's place. I am hoping, mother dear, that you will be very careful with yourself and not overwork.

I know that you are glad because we are so happy together and I hope that you will remember us constantly in your prayers, that we may always be happy and that we may live up to our opportunities to do good. We are praying for you.

With much love to you both, we are

Lovingly yours

Alma & Kirby

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September 14 1914

Mother Dear;-

Yes, I am still in the land of the living, and am enjoying life tremendously. Alma and I are beginning to get accustomed to each other now and are happier than ever. Everyone was very good to us in Houston and Alma received lots of nice presents. The bunch at the Association gave us a set of Rogers silverware, which will come in very handy. Leak and Norma were extremely good to us in every way and we had a number of good visits together.

The people out at Monteith were all quite excited to hear the news. Alma did not go out with me last Sunday but stayed with the Middletons, who have been extremely good to us. After church last Sunday one of the elders got up and announced that they had expected Mrs Page and had prepared a little surprise for us in the shape of an old fashioned basket dinner on the church grounds - they were quite disappointed that she did not come. Yesterday we went out together and they gave her a royal welcome - gave us a surprise Saturday night, including a set of dishes, some table linen, silverware and eight jars of fruit - which will keep the wolf from the door for a few days at least. It rained so much Sunday that we were unable to have services, so Alma did not get to see me in action. She was quite taken up with the people out there and will enjoy going out with me, I am sure. I might also add that they are very much pleased with her.

We feel that we were very fortunate in securing our rooms We have two large rooms, just two blocks from the university in a good neighborhood, well furnished for $16.00 a month, including light, heat, water and gas for cooking . In addition to the regular furnishings, we have a large double book case and a large office desk, which give us a place for our things. We feel that we are fixed up in great shape and eagerly looking forward to our year's work.

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It is not costing us any more to live than we had expected. I do not believe our board and room is costing $35.00 a month and we are watching our incidental expenses very carefully. So I think we are going to make it all right. Alma is not only a good cook but a most excellent manager. She is a perfect dear!

I am doing some work for Dr Martin that pays me $5.00 a month. It is work grading examination papers, and various odd jobs and does not take more than five or six hours per week. I am also doing Coach Griffiths stenographic work at 30 cents per hour.

I am enjoying my school work far more than ever and hope to be able to do it justice this year. Altogether, I think this will be my best year. Alma and I are very happy together and are enjoying our work and each other's presence very much indeed. It is wonderful how the good Lord has blessed me in so many ways. I am trying to do my best at all times.

With love to you both I am
affectionately your boy
Kirby

P.S. am feeling fine and dandy again. Never better.

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Monteith - Sunday afternoon - 9-11-14

Mother Dear:-

I am taking advantage of an opportunity this afternoon to write a long delayed letter. I do not know when six weeks seem to have gone more quickly than have the last six weeks. It seems that I have had something to do every minute of the time.

I can not tell you just how happy Alma and I are together. She is a perfect jewel and exceeds all that I had expected her to be. The folks at Drake are more than pleased with her and are treating her very nicely. She is a perfect wonder at getting acquainted and making friends and already she feels perfectly at home in Des Moines. She has been out here with me three times and is quite well acquainted by this time. She is going to be a big help to me in my work in a great many different ways.

Interest in the church work here seems to be increasing and I believe we are to have even greater interest in the near future. The church voted today to have a special evangelistic meeting sometime this winter. I am enjoying the work here more all of the time and hope to help accomplish some good here. Alma remained in Des Moines this time but will probably come with me next trip.

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to La Porte and Seabrook - 80 miles altogether with no trouble with the machine. Had a splendid day of it.

I find that the real estate business here is almost "dead" and have decided not to ask Mr Wilson for the loan. Oscar is having a little trouble just at this time also. Leak let me have $150.00 and Mr Steele let me have another $150.00, so I will be all right until I reach Des Moines. I am sure it will all work out satisfactorily and am not worried.

Alma was glad to get your letter and appreciates your position. She will write to you from Des Moines.

With love to you both, I am

Lovingly your boy

Kirby

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Houston Texas Aug. 31 1914

My dear mother:-

Time has never gone more swiftly with me than during the past two weeks. Alma and I have been in the "seventh heaven" all of the time and are not down to earth yet. She has been very busy but is practically thru now. She surely has lots of nice clothes and will be well supplied for quite a while. One of the girls at the Heights gave a "shower" for her on Saturday. They had a big time and she received lots of pretty things and was tickled over them.

We took dinner with Leak and Norma yesterday and then they took us for a long ride in their car. We went

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Ottawa, Canada

I. E. Munger
General Secretary

Sunday Night
Aug 30 1914

My Dear Kirby:- We were both surprised and delighted to hear you were to be married so soon. I think it is fine and am sure you will both enjoy this year at Drake. I am glad that you do not need to wait longer. The past week has been so full of war and the effects of it here as to make it impossible for me to write sooner and if this does not reach you before the knot is tied, I know you will forgive me. We have this week been having meetings of Executive and Finance Committees, revising our budget &c.

But I do want to congratulate you and tell you how glad I am the long looked for day has come, - and we will want to know of your plans. When do you leave Houston, where do you go &c? I suppose you may stop and see your Mother and then go on to Des Moines, - and that you will board, to give Alma time to study. We want to tell us all about it, - & also how things come off in Houston on the day.

Give my love to Alma - also Mother's - tell her we are glad!

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President

Ottawa, Canada

I. E. Munger
General Secretary

Do you see Association Men? In the September number read an article by Houser on working your way through college. I thought of you and thought I would like to tell him I knew of one fellow who could do good work in Athletics, enjoy social life and still stand high in his classes while working his way through school. I know it can be done, though he seems to think it cannot.

Please write soon and tell me all the news.

With love from us all, I am Sincerely yours

I. E. Munger

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Houston Texas Aug. 24 1914

My dear Mother:-

I am still having the happiest time of my life. Alma and I surely are enjoying the planning and preparation. She agrees with me in thinking that we will be better satisfied by ourselves, so we expect to do light housekeeping. She is very busy now getting her things in readiness - she surely will have lots of nice clothes. One of the girls in the Heights is going to give her a shower on Wednesday night. I have not seen as much of Leak as I expect to the next week. I was at the office for a while this afternoon. Alma and I are to take dinner and spend the afternoon with them on Saturday. He said he would see

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if there is any way he can help me on my finances). I have made no effort otherwise as yet, but am not worried as I am sure I can get it from some source. Will write you about it later.

Alma and I are together a great deal these days and are very happy, you may be sure. I am also enjoying the meeting of many old friends. Leak and I will have several good visits this week.

With love to you both, I am

Lovingly your boy

Kirby

Marshalltown Iowa
August 24th, 1914

My dear Kirby and Alma:—

I am so glad that you wrote to me so that I may be happy with you. I congratulate you both with all my heart and hope for the richest, sweetest "most abundant" wedded life which was ever allotted to two people. You don't need to tell me that you are happy, Kirby, for I haven't known you for three years without knowing the things you want most.

I hope if you can you may sometime soon come to see me, I only wish it were on your

way to Des Moines.

I wonder if you are going to keep house or room. If you do keep house, Alma, please leave a few things for me to help you "fix", I should love to so much.

The Geneva girls go thru here at 11:58 tonight so we are going down to the station to see them.

I do feel enthusiastic for school and shall be glad when the time arrives. I'm coming down the 19" because Bethel Huffman's wedding is to be on that evening.

I had a letter from Edith Tovel and her date is set for October eighth.

Did you know that Leland Parr and Grace Ghormley were engaged?

I shall think of you both on September second,

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Helen Marjorie Jarvis.

P.S. Kiley did you get my answer to your cards?

H.M.J.

P.P.S. Edith Jones was here last week and we had the best time - we wished for all the staff too. H.

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Houston Texas August 20 1914

Mother Dear:-

You may be sure that Alma and I are very happy together these days. She is not working now, but is busy preparing to leave. We are having lots of fun planning and are eagerly looking forward to the year together. It was just 54 months ago today that we were engaged, and we are very happy in the knowledge that before another month rolls around we will have ended our waiting.

Leak and I had a good visit together yesterday afternoon at the office. He has a splendid position - is his own boss and runs things to suit himself. Oscar has all the confidence in the world in him and gives him a free hand. I find that Leak is far more settled in his religious beliefs than he was last year. He told me that he had given up his fanaticism in regard to the end of the world in 1915. We are agreed now in thinking that He will come, but that we do not know the exact time. We had a very satisfactory talk along certain religious lines and expect to have others while I am here. I am sure that I have never seen a more consecrated Christian man than Leak is. He and Norma are doing a great piece of service here in Houston. Alma and I expect to visit them in their home soon.

Things are pretty much the same around here although there are many strange faces to me. I am enjoying the visiting with old friends, and am taking things pretty easy. Am writing lots of letters - personal and for the Student Association.

With love to you both, I am

Your same old boy

Kirby

am staying with Mr Steele.

Houston, Texas.
August 18, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Murry:

I suppose you know by this time that Kirby has outtalked me and persuaded me to go back with him. He treated me like the old man on the mail route treated him and his fellow passenger, He didn't give me a chance to get in a word edgeways, but he did give me a chance to say something after he had his say.

I think we are going to get along very nicely and just enjoy ourselves while we work. Of course, I know we will not live in luxury, wouldn't either of us know how to act if we did, but we will at least be comfortable. We are going to make the best of everything and do our best work and if we don't get along it will not be our fault.

I quit work today and start to work on my clothes as I will need one or two new ones and some of the others need remodeling. The boss asked me what I wanted for a wedding present and I told him anything he would give me and then he asked what we could use best and I told him I didn't know, but that we could use most anything. He then said they would have to give me money as he supposed that would be most welcome to us as we were not going to be here in houston and wouldn't have to pay freight on that. I think he is pretty wise and hope he shows his wisdom by being as liberal as he usually is, as well as setting an example for the others in the office. See?

We will not have any big to do but simply go to the church and then to the train. In that way no one will be able to feel slighted about not getting invited and there will not be any added expense and no large crowd to worry everyone to death, and really, mother isn't able to stand anything like it, especially after what she will have to go through to get me off. We leave here on the second of September.

With much love, I am,

Yours,

Alma.

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Houston Texas August 17 1914

Mother Dear:-

I am sure that you will rejoice with me when I tell you that Alma is going back to Drake with me. After talking things over carefully we are both convinced that we can make it all right, and have set the date for September 2nd. You may be sure that we are very happy together and that we are having a delightful time planning for the future. Alma is the same dear little girl and I am eagerly looking forward to the years ahead of us. The good Lord surely is blessing me in giving her to me. You will pray for us that we may do our very best at all times.

I will write you soon in regard to the details of our plans - we have not settled very many things as yet. Leak and Norma came out to the house to see us Saturday afternoon. We had a great visit together. I have not had an opportunity to talk with Leak alone as yet, but expect to be with him this afternoon. He is looking well and seems to be very happy.

I will write you a long letter within a day or so and tell you about our plans. I hope you are feeling much better now. With love to you both, I am

Your (very happy) boy

Kirby

You will write Alma, won't you! 1317 Weston ave

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We are well settled down now and are ready for a good year's work. Alma is feeling quite good and seems to like everything first rate. She is going with me to Monteith tomorrow.

The work of the association is starting off splendidly and indications point to a very effective year's work.

I was mighty glad to get all of the pictures - was glad they came out as well as they did. I am anxious to know how the crops turned out. How is the young broom corn progressing?

We are very, very happy together and are remembering you in our daily devotions. With love to you both, we are

Lovingly

Alma and Kirby

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well aware that there are many difficulties in the way. I have not reached my conclusions without long and definite thought along the many lines involved, and I now have an overwhelming conviction that we should be together from this time on. Baby mine, I am so tired of being away from you so much of the time that a few obstacles do not scare me, when I think of how different life would be were we together always. I am now sure in my own mind that I would do far better school work with you to help me than would otherwise be the case. I have had more than my share of student

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activities and want to give my time now to real study. My plan would be to have you enroll for full work in the university and we could study together.

Of course the big difficulty in our way is the matter of finances, but in this regard I have reached the conclusion that we will not be much better off in this connection at any time during the next three or four years, provided we adhere to our plan of completing our school work.

We have changed our plans so many times because of lack of funds that I have reached the point where I am not only willing but anxious to take

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the situation in hand and work out our finances as best we can. I understand perfectly your hesitancy about borrowing money, but to my mind it is a larger difficulty to be compelled to wait for such a long time. As to actual details we can talk them over when I get there, but I am sure that I can take care of you after a fashion while we are in school and do some better after that. I have thought things there carefully and am convinced that we can make it all right in Drake next year.

I know ~~that~~ this asking you to do things on short notice, but I

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believe that we can arrange everything satisfactorily and will be happier for it. We could have a very simple home wedding without a great deal of time or trouble in preparation, and we could have it all over in a little while.

Thus far I have simply given you my opinion, but you know, sweetheart, that I value your judgment highly and want you to again think things thru carefully. We love each other - we need each other - we have waited long enough - we surely can get along all right. "Let's make it definite". I will be with you soon and you can give me your answer then, and I am hoping that it will be the same as on the other important occasion.

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I had a very interesting trip here. Mr Murray met me at the station and we started out at about 7:00 o'clock in the evening, expecting to go about 18 miles and camp out for the night. a rain came up and we took shelter in a barn - made our beds down on the floor and slept until morning. We reached here about noon and you may well believe that we were glad to see each other. Mother has been feeling badly but is much better now and is in good spirits. They are fixed up in great shape and the crops are good. Mother is much better satisfied than she was at Houston.

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I can hardly wait to reach you, my Alma darling and am praying that the good Lord will guide us in our planning. I want you so & want you dearie.

With the deepest of love to my sweet wife, I am

Most affectionately yours

Kirby

403 Chalmers Street,

Champaign, Illinois,

August 29, 1914.

My dear Kirby:-

Your most welcome letter arrived today. Congratulations! Best Wishes! I thought that you were going to live in the fraternity house this fall. Well has the poet said that the "best laid plans of mice and men gang aft aglee." I am very sure that if someone I know, now at Lake Geneva, were here she would want to tell you both "Hello" and "Congratulations," so I am taking the liberty of making my greeting one from both of us. Best wishes again. You may kiss the bride for me, and she may do the honors for Grace.

Grace and I had a most pleasant visit at Newman and in Chicago for four days extending all the way to Williams Bay, for I went out there with her Tuesday night. We had a great time, she met the folkes, and we settled some important matters as to when we would send out the kind of an announcement that you have, as well as other lesser things relating to the coming school year, etc. Then following the visit I had my examinations and here I am with nothing to do but work hard at moving, cheerful thought. Mother is moving from Newman to her new home at Champaign, where my brother will enter the University of Illinois this fall and study agriculture. I have done no real work since Flunk Day, beyond carrying my suitcases and luggage to and from the trains, so that this new order of things takes me unkindly hard. But two or three weeks of it and I will be in good trim for the year, not that I expect to do anything desperate but that I need to be in good condition to begin a long hard year. I will be.

This summer I had work in these branches:

Social Psychology.

Practical Sociology-A course in crime under Dr. Henderson. Very good.

Comparative Religion-Outline course, very good. Very fine on the Religions of India.

General Public Speaking-Lane says much superior to anything that he has ever been able to get at Drake.

It seems to me that Webber will be very good to help us in all of our work this year. I shall certainly profit by his help in my department, I know. I have made some plans for work already, and expect to begin immediately studying how best to do things on coming back. I shall be back several days early at least, in order to get settled, and so on. I shall see then what we can do in regard to the relating of the new students to the various churches in the city. And also about other work. My department, for one shall in no way make our work less this year than it was last. Have you heard from Gratton or Leach? I am fearing very much that they may be made into gun food. I hate to think of it.

I hear in a round about way that Sam Kincheloe has at last decided to join our ranks and be a missionary. If that is so we have another of the very strongest men in the University in the Band. I never realized how strong Sam was until I spent several days with him this spring at Tingley and at Blakesburg. He is soon to hold a meeting there with John Roberts as his singer. He has been a long time in deciding, but I feel sure that he has put all of his time this summer in solving the problem.

Guy Nicholson is now an honored member of the firm of Johnson & Nicholson, dealers in Furniture, and Stoves; and Furnishers, and Undertakers to the Commonwealth of Newman. So I suspect that it will not be Drake for Guy this fall. More than likely, there will be a marriage in a year or two, and Guy nicely disposed of with his old sweetheart as the disposer.

Well I am both tired and busy, a bad combination. The best of wishes for yourself and Mrs. Page.

Sincerely,

Leland.

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October 1, 1914.

Dear Mother:

We have at last launched out on our active duties of studying, but have not gotten down to routine as yet, and that is the reason we haven't written before this late day of the week. I guess if it was brought down to brass tacks it is just pure unadulterated laziness on the part of both of us.

We are getting to be rather busy these days. We studied a little on Monday night and on Tuesday night Kirby and I went to Y.M. and Y.W. respectively, and did a little studying afterwards. Wednesday night we had company to supper and they stayed late, and tonight we had a little walk after supper and have been working a little since that time. Tomorrow night we attend the Grind, the Y.M. and Y.W. reception, and Kirby has to be in the receiving line. We get up early Saturday morning and take the early train to Montieth and have a day of special canvassing in behalf of the Peace services to be held on Sunday.

I have been out to Montieth twice and like the place fine and the people also. They seem to be very well pleased with me, so far as I can see. The women folks as a general rule, in all the places I have been so far, are certainly fixed up nicely in the house. They have water in the kitchen, and many of them have all kinds of the latest appliances. Most of them are in pretty good circumstances, financially, though and can afford most anything they want. In the wealthier homes they have the bath, with hot and cold water, and of course, all the houses are easily heated. The larger ones have the large furnaces in the basement, or cellar. All this kind of living is new to me and I am taking it all in. Another thing is the way the squirrels run around in Des Moines. They are all over this part of the town and are very tame. I saw one go on the porch of a house yewterday in search of nuts and some people were standing on the end of same talking.

I am delighted with my school work. The cources are just what I want and the ones on the Sunday School and Comparative religions are especially good. I am enjoying it all immensely, and one has only to look at Kirby to know he is.

With love to the both of you, from the both of us,

Alma & Kirby

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October 7, 1914.

Dear Mother:

We have been having quite a time since my last letter. I dressed up Friday night in my pretty yellow dress and brushed and pressed Kirby up to a finish and we attended the Grind in all our glory, and I think we must have shaken hands with about everyone in the whole College. We had a splendid time and got away by eleven o'clock.

We got up the next morning at five and caught the six thirty train out for Montieth. We got off at the station just this side of Montieth and were met at the train and taken out in the country and Kirby left me with the women folks and took the man of the house and they got in about seven hours work calling on some of those who had not been coming to church, either regularly or at all. In the afternoon while they were gone I went hazelnut hunting with one of the girls and had a dandy time. I didn't know a thing about how they grew or what they looked like before being shelled, but kept still and when we got to the patch I just went ahead and did like she did. I dodnt know whether you know how they grow or not. They grow on bushes, about as high as a person, the stalks coming straight up from the ground and not having very many branches on them. The hulls look like a whole lot of little cotton bolls all squeezed in a bunch and dry. These were wild and of course not quite as large as those we buy, but they are good just the same. I brought home near a gallone

Kirby preached two good sermons on the question of peace and in observance of the day, the prayers were for peace. Have you ever heard him preach? He does pretty good. Of course there are some little rough places that will have to be smoothed over, but he has gotten over the first stiffness, and is very much at home on the platform. He does his themes justice too.

We were given three more jars of fruit on this visit. Believe me, that is the stuff we certainly do appreciate, as you would know at once if you could see it disappear. Kirby is havig quite a time here to keep from getting mixed up in too many things at once. Guess I will have to step a little lively too. He isn't feeling the best in the world this week, but I think it is lack of exercise. It might be my cooking though..??!!/-

With love to yourself and Mr. Murry, from both of us, we are,

Yours,

Alma and Kirby -

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October 21, 1914.

Dear Mother!

The weather came to our aid last week and we did not have to go to Montieth until Saturday. Kirby was to go out on Friday afternoon, and I was going to stay here, but they changed and we are both going out this friday afternoon. They are going to have the Endeavor Social, If it doesn't rain too much before they can get things going.

I go out almost every Sunday, or whenever I don't feel too tired to go, or don't see or hear of something that I think would pay me to stay here for. I like to go out there better all the time. I don't know why, maybe it is the chicken I like to see setting on the table.

I made my second debut into society last night. I dressed up in the costume of a Hindu woman and gave a talk in the Y.W.C.A. I am to lead a girl's reading circle for the Y.W. Four other girls are to have Mission study classes, but I don't like the idea of more classes, so we will read some interesting books. Then too, this idea will suit the girls better than a study class, and they can come and bring their fancy work or do as they please. I had a real Indian costume and it was some make up. Only girls were at the meeting. I didn't get to finish my story and some of them want to hear the rest. The girl in charge told me that six or seven had already enrolled for my class so far. Here's hoping there won't be too many or they can't all get into my room.

This letter is written in the first person singular. That great big kinky headed gander goose is trying to find something that will help him in his Sermon for Sunday and he refuses to write anything besides strictly business letters. I am afraid to sign his name too often to letters like this as someone might accuse me of forgery. He thinks he is pretty busy these days, but if he gets much busier than I he will have to be going some.

With love to both of you from both of us,
I am,

Yours,
Alma

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JOHN L. GRIFFITH
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

DES MOINES, IOWA.

October 28, 1914.

Dear Mother:

We have certainly been having some strenuous time this last week. We left here on Friday afternoon last for Montieth and had to go direct from the class room to the train. When we got as far as Menlo the weather had made a decided change for the North winds society and we had a ten mile auto ride in front of us. We finally reached Montieth pretty muchly blown to pieces and went directly after we had deposited our things to the hall where the Endeavor social was in progress. There were only about forth six there as there had been a horse show at Penola that day and a number had attended and had gotten home too late to attend. The party was divided into four groups and Kirby and I were in different ones and in the games that fol lowed my division won final supremacy over Kirbys which was a close second and this pleased them very much. It is funny to see the old folks join in with the youngsters and play as enthusiastically as they. Everyone goes by their first name. A little kid will come up and call a grey headed woman Annie or Alice and a girl will call her uncle Bob as big as life, and never think anything about it. We had a fifteen mile ride in an auto Monday morning across country. Had plenty of wraps this time and by doing this got into town two hours earlier. took part of that time to go to the hospital to see one of our members who was sick. Had a big day Sunday, good crowds each service and a big dinner out in the country. Kirby liked to have talked himself sick try-

ing to get one of the old fellows who went out at the old splitup back into the church. He and his wife want to come back but haven't reached the point yet where they can put their religion above themselves. They are going to have evangelistic meetings some time this fall, however, and may get them in at that time. One of the families has already come back. Things certainly do look bright out there now.

Billy Sunday starts a six weeks campaign here on next Sunday. They have built a special tabernacle and all the churches dismiss for his benefit. We expect a number of things to happen during this campaign and we are going to send you one of the daily papers during the time the meeting is on. We hope you will enjoy it and know you will.

The Volunteers had an open meeting tonight and a young fellow under appointment to go to Manilla in the Y.M. work spoke. We have a new man ready to sign up in consequence. One I have had my eye on for quite a while.

With lots of love, we are,

Alma & Kirby

My reading circle class met today with fourteen present and about twenty four enrolled. We are planning some great times and the girls are enthusiastic.

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November 6 1914

Mother Dear:-

I have been under the weather for the past week or so but am feeling all O K agan. I had a spell of the "grip" - was not very sick but had to keep indoors. Alma was a splendid nurse and it was worth being sick just to have her wait on me.

Mr Scott is in town for a couple of days on his way to Dallas, where he becomes General Secretary. He took lunch with us yesterday and we had a great visit together. I think probably I could get in with him at Dallas next year if I wanted to. I am not sure yet what I want to do next year. If finances can be arranged, we both are anxious to stay in school at least one more year. Scott is in sympathy with the plan and recommends Oberlin Seminary very highly. We will decide within the next three or four months.

Everything still goes beautifully with us and we are as happy as can be. Alma goes to Monteith almost every Sunday and we are enjoying the work there immensely. Billy Sunday was at Drake yesterday and seems to be getting things warmed up. I Hope you are getting the Capital all right.

With love to you both, we are

Lovingly

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November 10, 1914.

Dear Mother:

Kirby thought he would be real nice and write you a whole letter last week and finally did so after much labor on my part to get him started. The real trouble was that I had taken advantage of a holiday and had my eyes dilated and tested for new glasses and hope I have gotten some that will at last suit me and enable me to do as much studying as I should. We went to town Thursday afternoon for this and of course I could not see Thursday night to any extent and made out like I couldn't see on Friday morning until he got his letters written. I think they are about the first or second he has written, besides purely business ones, since we have been married. He wouldn't say any thing about my eyes in the letter because he wanted all the glory of having written the letters. I am glad he did it once.

Mother writes me that she has been down to League City with my step-sister, who has a new little girl at her house. Mother says she has as much or more hair than I had when I was a baby and it is real black. This is the third baby. The other two children have golden or almost red hair, still it is a pretty color. I expect mother will be having one of them home with her pretty soon as she is alone so much of the time when the kids are at school or work, and she is just crazy about youngsters. I forgot to say my hair was about an inch long.

Mr. Scott was with us Thursday noon and also Saturday noon. He is now on his way to Dallas, Texas where he will take charge of the Y.M.C.A. and try to put it on its feet, so to speak as it is in a pretty badly run down condition. He was very nice to us and gave us a check for five dollars as a belated wedding present. He didn't make any stated offer to Kirby for work next year, but told me that he was going to try and have a place ready for Kirby when school is out. We don't know just yet what we will do at that time. Kirby has about given up the idea of taking a Ph.D. degree as it requires so much stuff that he doesn't need and he hardly thinks he will want to be a college professor.

We have heard Billy Sunday only once or twice as yet as we are rather busy during the week, but will have a chance to hear him a good deal before he leaves. Hope you are getting your papers all right. You can't form much opinion just from reading about him. It is best to hear him talk. He certainly acts like he means it. Wish you could hear him.

With much love to both of you,

Alma

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Nov. 16 1914

Mother dear:-

These are very strenuous days for us but we are enjoying ourselves very greatly and feel that we are growing somewhat. I am feeling first rate again and am going to take my exercise regularly from now on and am sure I will keep in good condition. Alma is also feeling ok all of the time and has enthusiasm "to burn" - she surely is a lively little woman and is making lots of friends here. She still goes to Monteith with me and we are enjoying the work out there more all of the time. In one way it is quite a rest for us - in another way it is strenuous work. Yesterday I lead my Sunday School class as usual, preached twice and made a talk at Endeavor, lead in public prayer 10 times and talked almost incessantly all day long.

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Billy Sunday is doing a wonderful work here in Des Moines and is only well started. We have not been able to go down as often as we would like to on account of pressure of work out here. I am glad that you are enjoying the paper and wish that you might be here to hear him. He is a wonder.

Alma and I are sending our Christmas present a little early, in the form of yearly subscriptions to Review of Reviews, McClures, and the American Magazines. We hope that you will enjoy them - they have the advantage of lasting all thru the year.

I can not begin to tell you how very very happy we are together. We are coming to know each other better all the while and consequently our affection is deepening daily. It is wonderful to have a good woman love you and be with you all the time.

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We are not sure about our plans for next year but now believe that we will stay out for at least a year and "replenish the exchequer". Scott seems to be anxious to have me come to Dallas and it may be that we will go there, although we can not tell as yet. It would be nice if we were that close to our homes.

I love you mother of mine and am remembering you both in my daily devotions and hope that you are contented. We send love to you both.

Your big boy

Kirby

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November 26, 1914.
8:30 am.

Dear Mother:

We get two more holidays this week, but don't have a any time to throw away. We are going out to Montieth this morning and will have Thanksgiving services tonight.

The weather is much warmer this week and I suppose about all the ice has melted by this time. It had not melted when we came back last monday and the streams were still full of it. It was a week ago today that we had zero weather.

We are getting our eggs and butter at Montieth and carrying them in each week as they are only 25 cents out there and are 35 and 40 cents in the city. One of the women gave us a big chunk of new sausage meat last Monday to bring in and believe me it sure did taste good. We had four meals off of it.

I hardly know how I will feed this great big hungry boy for the next few months. He is practicing and trainging for basketball and can't eat sweet stuff, and that is what has been coming in on most every meal. We have been eating a lot of sweet potatoes and I guess I will give him potatoes with potatoes and some more potatoes. We don't eat very much meat as it makes the bill run so very high, but do eat a good many eggs, which have about the same value as food and are cheaper in the long run.

I guess you are now getting ready for the winter in earnest, and suppose you will find plenty to do around the new house while the weather keeps you inside.

With much love to both of you from both of us, we are,

Alma & Kirby

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December 1, 1914.

Kirby Page, Esq.,
President, Y. M. C. A.,
Drake University,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Page:-

Your valued favor of November 9th reached me on my return to this city this morning. I would be glad indeed to share in such a campaign as your letter indicates among the students of Drake University. At this time it is not possible for me to give you positive assurance for any date in the Spring, but I shall be able to do so by the first of the year.

With appreciation,

Faithfully yours,

Raymond Robins

Drake University

John L. Griffith
Director of Athletics

Des Moines, Iowa, Deacember 4, 1914

Dear Mother:

I think that Billy Sunday is a Presbyterian, I am not real sure, but Kirby says he is almost certain he heard something to that effect. In the pulpit he is non-sectarian.

I didn't go out to Montieth today partly because finances were a little low and partly because I was too tired and didn't feel like it. We have been having a hullabaloo time of it this week. The Seniors have been showing off and I come in for a share of the celebrations as a better half. They had the Cap and gown reception on Thursday night and I was there in by glory in the yellow dress, but thank goodness I didn't have to stand in the receiving line this time. It was bad enough to go around it. It contained three members of the faculty, with their wives, and fifty six or seven seniors, all of said seniors in cap and gown. Friday morning they had the cap and gown chapel with ceremony and Willett, from Chicago University gave the address, and it was certainly splendid. The Seniors had holiday for the rest of the time and we went to the afternoon service to hear Sunday preach on Amusements. It was just fine and I am glad we don't dance and play cards and such. After the meeting the boys played a game of basketvall with the Juniors and then we went out to the Waveland Club house and had a spread and a general good time.

It is very likely that I will go out to Montieth for the Christmas holidays, however, will let you know more definitely later on. The weather stays around 25 degrees now but it is not seemingly as cold as it is at 40 at home. We keep one window in each room wide open almost all the time. Have had some mighty pretty frosts the last few mornings, they look almost like snow they are so heavy. Kirby is training hard and eats everything put before him. I am feeling great also.

Am getting some very fine Sunday School work and Prof Athearn is a nationally reconized author on the subject. He is simply fine in that line.

With mych love, I am,

Yours,

Alma

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My dear Mother:-

Alma is down town attending a Sunday meeting for women only. I suppose they are having a great time of it. He surely is making a profound impression on this town. I am so glad that you are enjoying reading the sermons.

Time is going by rapidly and the Holidays are almost upon us. We will be in Des Moines the first week of vacation and Alma will stay at Monteith the second week, while I go out with one of our gospel teams for an eight day campaign at Eddyville, Iowa.

Did I tell you that I had renewed my contract with the church at Monteith for the remainder of the school year at a weekly salary of $17.50? This amounts to $900 per year - not bad for a youngster in school. I am enjoying my work out there more all of the time and believe that I am accomplishing a little something.

We are busier than ever, but are very happy in at all and feel that it is abundantly worth while.

I had a card from Perry from Frisco and Leak writes me that he had a letter. I am anxious to know what he is going to do and how his absence has affected him.

We think and talk of you people often and wish that we might see you. With love to you both, we are

Lovingly

Kirby

Drake University

John L. Griffith
Director of Athletics

Des Moines, Iowa, December 17,1914

Dear Mother:

We are having all kinds of snow and cold weather and I am enjoying the novelty of it immensely. The thermometor stays around zero and Monday morning when we left Montieth it was 12 below. It is not bothering me in the least as I wrap up good when I go out and usually don't have far to go where I have to stay out in the open much at a time. It doesn't go to the bone like it does at home.

We received the butter and meat and are enjoying them As a rule I don't eat bacon as I can't get away with the fat, but this is just great. It was all in perfect condition when it arrived and has kept so ever since. One of the men at Montieth gave us some new butchered meat, 3 or 4 pounds, and it froze and what is left is still frozen, but it won't freeze any more after tomorrow, as that finishes up the last of it. It was yearling,I suppose as it was too light colored to be beef. It sure was good anyway, and if you could see Kirby eat it you would know he thought so.

We are about to change our plans and I suppose we will both be in Desmoines during the holidays. He has work that must be done and I have work that should be done and we will stay and take care of each other.

With much love to both of you, we are,

Yours,

Alma & Kirby

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Mother Dear:-

This is the time of year when I get most homesick for a sight of you and I would give a great deal if we could all be together. Alma is out at Monteith. I had so much work to do here that I came in for three days good hard work. I will go out again on Thursday and be there for the Christmas program on Christmas eve and will remain there the rest of the week. We are expecting to have a very happy time together. The people out there are mighty good to us and we enjoy our stays out there greatly.

I am hoping that you and Mr Murry are enjoying good health and that you are well contented and satisfied with what the good Lord has given you. This is the season of all seasons when we should give Him thanks. Surely we all have reasons to be grateful.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and with much love, I am

Your big boy

Kirby

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My own Mother Dear:-

I am heartily ashamed of myself for having neglected you so. Somehow, I have let Alma do practically all of the letter writing since we were married. I will do better from now on.

I am so glad that you have a buggy now. It will make it easier for you to get around a little. The cold weather won't last always and when it does get warmer you can use it a lot.

We spent Christmas at Monteith and had a most excellent time. They had a Christmas tree and program at the church on Christmas eve. We ate Christmas dinner at a family reunion and of all the good things to eat you ever saw - well we did the subject justice. The folks out there treat us mighty good.

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We have had considerable snow for this season of the year and it is quite a little colder than usual. The thermometer went down to 20 below one night last week. Alma is standing it first rate and with the exception of a slight cold has had perfect health. It is new for her and she is enjoying it greatly.

We are having another week's vacation and are taking advantage of the opportunity to catch up with our work.

We are happier than ever. We havent had anything that approached a misunderstanding as yet and I do not believe we will have. These are great days for us.

We surely did appreciate the butter & bacon you sent. I dont believe I would bother to send any more as you can dispose of it so easily there and then

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too the postage amounts to quite a little. We get our eggs & butter at Monteith and are able to save quite a little that way. We get butter for 25c and eggs for 27c which is a saving of 10c on each pound of butter and dozen eggs.

Mother of mine, I love you in the same old way and wish I could be with you. Alma and I talk about you almost every day and are looking to the time when we can visit you.

With love to you both, I am

Your boy

Kirby

P.S. Are your magazines coming all right?